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Whodunnit?

Investigation into pier graffiti hampered by broken camera

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Trying to figure out who spray-painted graffiti on the South Pier last weekend is being hampered because the camera in the park facing the pier wasn't working, Berrien County Parks Director Brian Bailey told county commissioners Thursday.

The good news is that shortly after getting approval from county commissioners, park staff painted over the graffiti, which contained political, racial and obscene messages.

Adjoining Silver Beach is owned by Berrien County while the piers are owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

During the meeting, Bailey said he was told by Army Corps of Engineers staff that the quickest way to deal with the graffiti would be for Berrien County staff to paint over it. But he said he didn't want to do that without board approval since the county doesn't own the pier.

He estimated the job would cost about $200.

He said several people have offered to sandblast the graffiti away but because the pier is near water, it has to be handled carefully to not cause pollution.

Several commissioners said painting over the graffiti was fine with them, in order to get rid of the eyesore.

"I think we need to get it taken care of right away because people are still coming in on the weekends," said Commissioner Dave Vollrath. "It's a very bad example of our area when people come from out of town to visit one of the nicest beaches in the country and see that kind of stuff."

Administrator Brian Dissette said that in his experience, the longer graffiti is left untouched, the more likely people are to add to the graffiti.

Board of Commissioners Chairman Mac Elliott said the camera needs to be fixed.

"This is going to happen again and it would be good to catch whoever does it and have them prosecuted as provided by law, because it's an unacceptable thing," he said. "And if we don't do that, if we don't fix the cameras, we're going to be spending more public time and resources on staff."

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

A couple walks past recently covered graffiti Thursday afternoon along the South Pier in St. Joseph.

The Berrien County Sheriff's Office and St. Joseph Department of Public Safety are continuing to investigate the vandalism. Anyone with information about the crime is asked to call St. Joseph police at 985-0300, or Crime Stoppers at 800-342-STOP.

In other business, Commissioner Jim Curran said commissioners will hear a report next week about efforts to expand high-speed internet service to more county residents.

He said the presentation will be given by Dissette and John Egelhaaf, executive director of the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, during their Sept. 24 meeting, which starts at 10 a.m. He is part of a broadband subcommittee that has been meeting for months. County meetings are held via Zoom and broadcast on the county's YouTube channel.

High-speed internet has become more of an issue during the COVID-19 pandemic, when many workers and school children are working from their homes and need better access to the internet.

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Crews have recently covered over the extensive graffiti that marred the South Pier in St. Joseph. It was put there last weekend by unknown vandals.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOLS

'More than just a moment'

SJ school district forms task force focusing on inclusiveness, social justice

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — In an effort to provide all students with the same educational experience, the St. Joseph school district has launched a task force to take a closer look at racial equity practices.

The decision to form the task force comes after a couple years worth of work among teachers, students and administrators. The initiative was announced Monday during a school board meeting – on the heels of the St. Joseph City Commission's decision to deny a proposal to allow a Black Lives Matter mural to be painted on a city street near St. Joseph High School.

City officials denied the mural, saying they were bound by legal and liability concerns.

High school students had circulated an online petition in favor of the mural – drawing more than 2,300 signatures.

Superintendent Thomas Bruce said it was great to see students come together.

"I think a lot of people were surprised by that," he said. "They found a peaceful and democratic way to get their voices heard."

The task force is comprised of 11 members, which includes four students.

In addition to students, the task force includes representatives from Berrien RESA, the Boys & Girls Club, Spectrum Health Lakeland, the district's administration and an outside source from Oakland Public Schools, who is familiar with the task force's efforts.

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Bruce said there is no name yet for the task force.

The first meeting was two weeks ago, but members will meet for an hour on a weekly basis.

In addition to voting against the mural, city commissioners agreed to engage students to develop a Black Lives Matter message that falls within legal parameters.

Because the district had already formed a task force, Bruce said he reached out to St. Joseph Mayor Mike Garey as an invite to city officials to join them.

Bruce said the district had started some of this work a couple years ago.

The board of education participated in a social justice set of courses at Spectrum Health Lakeland, began restorative practices with a group out of Ypsilanti, while administrators and teachers also took part in an African American student initiative program.

"We had started work

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Shoreham trustees move ahead with forensic audit

Lawsuit threatened by duo under fire

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

SHOREHAM — Shoreham trustees on Wednesday approved hiring Plante Moran to conduct a forensic audit to look into possible mismanagement of village finances.

But it wasn't done without drama during a three-and-one-half hour meeting.

President Pro Tem Reneta Mais said the problem is that President Bruno Trapikas and his wife, Clerk Debra Trapikas, have handled most of the village's finances out of their home for the past four years.

Debra Trapikas said she thinks the issue is personal.

"It all started because we asked (Trustee) Andy (Pavlopoulos) to be president pro tem and hurt your feelings," she said. "... This is going to cost you money because we're going to sue your ass."

Debra Trapikas left the meeting shortly after making that statement.

Mais was appointed as president pro tem in June after Pavlopoulos had started serving in that position in December.

Mais said she and Trustee Stephanie Clarke have spent countless hours since March printing out and sorting more than 900 pages of documents and bills that Bruno Trapikas emailed to them, but there are still pages missing, especially from the Staples statements.

Clarke said they can see the total amount of the purchases, but not the individual items that were bought.

"That's where it gets a little bit confusing," she said. "... If you have an amount on a statement that says $370, we don't really know what that is for."

Trapikas said he has emailed the trustees everything they have asked for, and that what Mais is saying are missing pages were actually blank pages.

In addition, Mais said that she recently found several months of Staples statements from 2018 in a mislabeled filing cabinet at the village hall, and what she saw concerned her. She said that stapled to the statements were receipts so she could see what was bought.

Mais said she would not go into detail unless they went into closed session.

Mais said there hasn't been a real village treasurer since November 2016. Since that time, she said the village has often gone for months without a treasurer, leaving Trapikas to fill in. Even when there was a treasurer, she said she has learned that

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Convicts will continue to be hit with court operating costs

By ED WHITE
Associated Press

DETROIT — People convicted of crimes will continue to pay millions of dollars a year to keep the lights on in Michigan courts, along with other operating costs, under a law signed Thursday by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

Whitmer signed a two-year extension of a law that gives judges the power to put additional financial burdens on people in courts, mostly the poor. She also urged the Legislature to come up with a new system that "does not come at the cost of judicial independence and individual rights."

A commission in 2019 recommended major changes in how courts are financed, but the issue hasn't gained enough traction yet in the Capitol. Without an extension, the current law would have expired in October.

On top of fines and restitution, people convicted of crimes can be ordered to pay a share of a court's operating costs, such as staff salaries, utilities and other services. Someone who is acquitted doesn't get a bill for overhead, nor do parties in a civil lawsuit.

More than $120 million has been collected statewide since 2016, mostly in District Court, the ground level of justice in Michigan, which handles traffic tickets, drunken driving cases and other misdemeanors.

The extension easily won approval in the Republican-controlled Legislature and was supported by local governments that operate courts and want the money.

Without the extension, "trial courts will face a financial emergency. ... We recognize it is certainly not the final solution," the Michigan Association of Counties told lawmakers.

Critics, including some judges, said the current system puts judges in the awkward position of using the courts to raise money.

The Michigan Supreme Court in 2019 said the scheme was legal, although Chief Justice Bridget McCormack acknowledged problems.

"Assigning judges to play tax collector erodes confidence in the judiciary and may seriously jeopardize a defendant's right to a neutral and detached magistrate," McCormack said.

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11 more houses near Michigan State quarantined due to virus

EAST LANSING (AP) — Ingham County health officials have identified 11 more large houses near Michigan State University's campus where there are known exposures to the COVID-19 virus.

The health department has ordered residents in those houses to quarantine for the next two weeks.

Mandatory quarantines now have been ordered for 25 fraternity and sorority houses and 14 large rental houses in East Lansing. The houses have known cases or exposure to COVID-19.

The quarantine, which is mandatory, means students or others living in the buildings cannot leave except for medical care or necessities that cannot be delivered.

East Lansing has experienced a 315 percent increase in confirmed virus cases since Sept. 1 and that nearly entirely is driven by an outbreak among Michigan State students that directly accounts for 80 percent of all new cases, according to the health department.

U-Michigan governing board backs President Mark Schlissel

ANN ARBOR (AP) — The governing board at the University of Michigan expressed support Thursday for President Mark Schlissel, two days after he acknowledged that trust in his leadership had slipped on campus.

Schlissel has been criticized for the university's response to the coronavirus. Separately, the school sued to try to stop a strike by graduate-student instructors, though the walkout ended with a deal. A vote by faculty, meanwhile, revealed disappointment with the president.

"People are concerned and frightened," Denise Ilitch, chairwoman of the Board of Regents, said, reading from a statement at a meeting. "The board hears this, the administration hears this. We know the University of Michigan needs to communicate better and do better.

Man, 85, fatally stabbed in southern Michigan Meijer store

ADRIAN (AP) — An 85-year-old man was stabbed to death Wednesday inside a southern Michigan Meijer store, authorities said.

The man was stabbed multiple times in the head and neck and died at the scene, The Daily Telegram of Adrian reported.

Adrian Police Chief Vincent Emrick said a woman armed with a handgun ordered the suspect, a 29-year-old Adrian man, to the floor and held him until officers arrived.

Emrick said the woman has a concealed pistol license.

The stabbing occurred Wednesday afternoon near the automotive and sporting good sections in the retail store, about 72 miles southwest of Detroit. A knife believed used in the stabbing was found on a store shelf.

The victim and suspect entered the store separately, Emrick said. The victim's name was not immediately released. The chief did not discuss a motive and the investigation is continuing.

"At this time, we're reviewing video footage from the store surveillance cameras as well as cellphone camera footage from witnesses at the scene," he said.

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President Donald Trump smiles as he arrives to speak to the White House conference on American History at the National Archives museum, Thursday, in Washington.

Gulf between White House's words, Trump's actions on masks

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE and AAMER MADHANI
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — White House officials insist that President Donald Trump strongly supports face masks to prevent the spread of coronavirus and always has. But the president's own words and actions tell a very different – and sometimes puzzling – story.

That's created a gulf between Trump and public health officials that keeps widening six months after the virus took root in the U.S., with the president undercutting medical experts who say consistent face covering is one of the best tools to fight the pandemic.

Trump initially dismissed mask wearing for himself, then allowed himself to be seen wearing one while visiting a military hospital. He has called it "patriotic" to wear a mask but seldom passes up an opportunity to mock Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden for his routine mask wearing.

On Wednesday, after the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention told Congress that his mask might even be a better guarantee than a vaccine against the virus, Trump publicly undercut Dr. Robert Redfield.

"As far as the mask is concerned, he made a mistake," said Trump.

Dr. Tom Inglesby, director of the Center for Health Security at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, said he's "bewildered" by Trump's ambiguity about masks. He said widespread use would also help restore economic vitality faster, a prime Trump goal.

"I don't think that there's any controversy about masks anywhere in the world," Inglesby said. "Why we continue to have this debate about it is a mystery."

Lawrence Gostin, a public health expert at Georgetown University's law school, said Trump's vacillation between portraying masks as an infringement on personal rights and touting them as crucial to stemming the virus has left Americans "absolutely dazed and confused."

"One could forgive the American public for not trusting anyone," Gostin said.

But Gostin also faulted Redfield for asserting that masks are more important than an eventual vaccine, at least until one is approved. Suggesting that being vaccinated is less important as long as people are wearing masks has further clouded the public message, Gostin said.

Public health experts largely agree that COVID-19, the disease the virus causes, will be brought under control through a combination of social distancing, mask wearing and a vaccine.

"One of those three is not enough, you need all three," Gostin said. "It's such a simple message. It's just befuddling that the White House doesn't consistently state that message."

Trump has very seldom worn a mask for the world to see, though he is regularly tested for COVID-19 and says he does wear one when he can't practice social distancing. At one point, he suggested that the reason some people wear masks is to make a political statement against him.

The CDC recommended in April that people wear cloth face coverings in public when it's difficult to be socially distant. But Trump immediately undercut the guidance, declaring he wouldn't follow it and suggesting it would be unseemly to be masked in a meeting with a head of state.

The first image of a masked Trump surfaced on social media in May after he donned one for a behind-the-scenes tour of a Ford facility in Michigan. Reporters were not allowed on the tour, and afterward Trump told them he'd worn a mask in a "back area" because "I didn't want to give the press the pleasure of seeing it."

In June, as he prepared to hold his first indoor political rally of the COVID era, Trump complained to The Wall Street Journal that people can't help but fidget with the coverings, similar to assertions he made on national television this week.

"They put their finger on the mask, and they take them off, and then they start touching their eyes and touching their nose and their mouth," Trump said in his Journal interview. "And then they don't know how they caught it?"

But weeks later he offered a much different take, sounding like a mask evangelist and going as far as saying he resembled the Lone Ranger when he wears one. Still, Trump framed the issue as one of personal choice:

"If people feel good about it, they should do it."

In July, Trump tweeted a photo of himself wearing a mask and wrote that "many people say that it is Patriotic to wear a face mask when you can't socially distance."

"There is nobody more Patriotic than me, your favorite President!" he said.

Then, this week, Trump returned to his old ways.

At a candidate forum televised by ABC News on Tuesday night, Trump praised a woman who removed her face covering to ask him a question.

"I love, I love what you just did," Trump told her. On several occasions, he has become visibly irked by reporters who refuse his requests to remove their masks to ask him questions.

Trump also assailed Biden during the broadcast, faulting the former vice president for not acting to put in place a national mask requirement he has talked about doing if elected. Biden countered on Wednesday by reminding Trump he is not the president.

"By the way, a lot of people don't want to wear masks," Trump said. "A lot of people think that masks are not good." Pressed on who those people are, Trump replied, "Waiters."

Trump often brings up the very early medical guidance for the public to not wear masks and leave scarce medical-grade versions for doctors and nurses. But experts soon began encouraging people to wear face coverings after learning that the virus is primarily transmitted through the air.

White House chief of staff Mark Meadows on Thursday cast doubt on the science as he sidestepped questions about who is influencing Trump's opinions about masks. Meadows insisted that the president and administration officials have been consistent.

"If masks truly were the answer where everybody can go back to work, and that they actually work as the best protocol for keeping people safe I think everyone would be more than happy to wear their mask and return to work," Meadows said. "I don't think the science backs that up. I think it's an extra precaution and it's good."

Gay marriages rise 5 years after Supreme Court ruling

By MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Five years after the U.S. Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriages around the U.S., more than a half million households are made up of married same-sex couples, according to figures the U.S. Census Bureau released Thursday.

Since 2014, the year before the U.S. Supreme Court legalized same sex marriages, the number of married same-sex households has increased by almost 70 percent, rising to 568,110 couples in 2019, according to the Census Bureau's American Community Survey.

Of the 980,000 same-sex couple households reported in 2019, 58 percent were married couples and 42 percent were unmarried partners, the survey showed.

There were slightly more female couple households than male couple households.

"Opponents of marriage equality frequently argued that same-sex couples really weren't all that interested in marriage. But the large increase in marriages among same-sex couples since marriage equality became legal nationwide offers evidence of the clear desire for marriage among same-sex couples," said Gary Gates, a demographer specializing in LGBT issues.

The survey revealed noticeable economic differences between male couples and female couples, as well as same-sex couples and opposite-sex couples.

Same-sex married couples had a higher median income than opposite-sex married couples, $107,210 compared to $96,932. In same-sex marriages, though, male couples earned more than female couples, $123,646 versus $87,690.

According to the survey, same-sex married households were more likely to be in the workforce than opposite-sex married households, 84.6 percent compared to 80.4 percent.

However, there was a difference between gay and lesbian couples. Married women in same-sex households were much more likely to be working than married women in opposite-sex households, but the reverse was true for married men in same-sex households. They were less likely to be working than married men in opposite-sex households, according to the Census Bureau.

"While most research shows that gay and bisexual men, on average, do not earn more than their comparable heterosexual male counterparts, that research also shows that they tend to earn more than lesbian and bisexual women," Gates said. "Unfortunately, gender discrimination is present, regardless of sexual orientation."

Separate survey results also released Thursday show almost 15 percent of same-sex couples had at least one child under age 18, compared to 37.8 percent of opposite-sex couples. Of the nearly 300,000 children living in a homes with same-sex couples, 66 percent were children of both partners or spouses, compared to 95 percent for opposite-sex couples, according to the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey.

The District of Columbia had the greatest concentration of same-sex households, at 2.4 percent of households, followed by Delaware (1.3 percent), Oregon (1.2 percent), Massachusetts (1.2 percent) and Washington State (1.1 percent), according to the American Community Survey.

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Heading back to the classroom

South Haven Schools to resume in-person instruction in 2 phases

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — After three weeks of remote learning from home, students attending South Haven Public Schools will begin returning to their classrooms next week for in-person instruction.

"In correspondence with our Extended Learning Plan, we have placed an emphasis on in-person K-5 instruction which will begin on Monday, Sept. 21," said district Superintendent Kevin Schooley.

Originally, school officials had planned to wait until Sept. 21 to make a decision on whether to begin in-person learning, due to efforts to curb the spread of coronavirus, and if so, return students to the classrooms on Oct. 5. But a week ago the decision was made to speed up the plan.

"As I looked at data, spoke with staff, parents, students and the Board of Education – it was time," Schooley said.

In-person instruction will begin in two phases, with elementary students returning to school Monday, followed by Baseline Middle School and South Haven High School students beginning classes on Monday, Sept. 28.

Elementary school students will attend classes on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. On Wednesdays, students will participate in remote learning to give staff time to sanitize buildings and to assess in-person instruction.

In-person instruction will differ for middle and high school students.

"Due to class sizes at the middle and high school level and the difficulty that adds to cohorting, our 6-12 model differs from our K-5 plan," Schooley said.

As a result, when older students return to school on Sept. 28, they will be divided into two groups, each attending school two days a week and learning remotely on the remaining days. On Wednesday, the middle and high school will be sanitized and in-person instruction assessed.

Approximately 70 percent of the school district's students plan to return for in-person instruction, while 30 percent have opted for remote learning through the district's virtual Ram Connection program, according to Schooley. High school students enrolled in the WAY program at Lake Michigan College will also continue their online classes.

South Haven was one of the few school districts in Southwest Michigan that chose to begin the school year with only remote learning.

"While I know returning to in-person instruction will be an adjustment, I want to assure you that our district is being proactive to keep our students, staff, and community safe," Schooley said in a letter to parents. "Not only do we have plans in place to maintain safety within the buildings, but we will continue to work closely with our local health department to prevent and contain COVID-19 if we were to see a case in our district."

SHORELINE CRUISE

Don Campbell / HP staff

A man skates along Lake Michigan near Silver Beach in St. Joseph on Wednesday evening.

IN BRIEF

COVID-19 hospital admissions drop Thursday

The number of COVID-19 patients being treated for COVID-19 by Spectrum Health Lakeland dropped Thursday to just two.

COVID-19 hospital patients haven't been below four since July.

This is down from six on Wednesday and nine last Thursday.

Berrien County recorded 14 new COVID-19 cases Thursday and three new recoveries. No new deaths were recorded.

With deaths and recoveries, the county is at about 83 active COVID-19 cases, up from 72 on Wednesday and 81 last Thursday.

Van Buren County added nine new COVID-19 cases Thursday and Cass County added eight. No new deaths were recorded in either county.

The Van Buren Cass District Health Department will release an updated tally of recovered individuals today at https://vbcassdhd.org/covid-19.

Still time to Paddle for a Purpose

An event to raise funds for Carol's Hope, an addiction recovery resource center in Royalton Township, has gone virtual.

Paddle for a Purpose will be held this year during the date, time and location of your choice through the whole month of September. Participants can kayak, canoe, or paddleboard for two hours.

Registration is $25, and all proceeds will benefit Carol's Hope, a nonprofit resource providing 24/7, free navigation to any person seeking addiction recovery resources.

Interested paddlers can visit https://carolshope.eventbrite.com to sign up. Should plans change or issues arise due to weather, participants can change the date of their paddle with no requirement to notify the event organizers.

Participants are all eligible for a goodie bag that includes a snack, marine whistle, foldable water bottle, and a gaiter style face/neck/head wrap. Local participants are encouraged to pick up their bag from Carol's Hope, 4032 S. M-139, St. Joseph, and out of town participants can select to have it mailed.

Two men arrested on outstanding warrants in Van Buren

GRAND JUNCTION — Two men who had warrants out for their arrest have been apprehended by Van Buren County Sheriff's Department.

The sheriff's narcotics unit found Anthony Sams, 41, of Grand Junction and Michael Veldhuis, 33, of Pullman on Thursday at a home in the 09000 block of 57th Street, while conducting an investigation into alleged illegal narcotics activities.

Sams was wanted on an outstanding warrant for delivery of methamphetamine.

After he was arrested, the homeowner was contacted and deputies found Veldhuis was inside the residence. Veldhuis, wanted on a charge of absconding from parole for an original charge of 3rd-degree criminal sexual conduct, was taken into custody.

Both subjects were taken to Van Buren County Jail on their outstanding warrants.

Armed Bangor man arrested after brief standoff with police

By HP STAFF

BANGOR — A Bangor man was arrested and taken to jail on Tuesday after barricading himself in a home, armed with a shotgun, according to police.

The incident unfolded at 7:40 p.m. when Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department asked Van Buren County deputies to try and locate the 28-year-old man who was believed to be at a residence in the 28000 block of County Road 215. The suspect was wanted for outstanding felony warrants from Kalamazoo County, according to a news release from Van Buren County Sheriff's Department.

When deputies arrived they saw the suspect outside. As deputies approached the property he ran into the home.

Deputies contacted other residents who said the suspect had barricaded himself in a bedroom and was armed with a shotgun.

Because of that the SWAT team was called to provide assistance. In the meantime deputies maintained verbal contact with the suspect after he had barricaded himself in the bedroom. After a short standoff, he surrendered the shotgun and surrendered without further incident.

He was turned over to the custody of Kalamazoo deputies pending arraignment on the outstanding warrants.

Dozens rally for gun rights outside Michigan Capitol

LANSING (AP) — Dozens gathered on the lawn of the Michigan Capitol on Thursday to rally in support of gun rights well as to decry efforts undertaken by the state to rein in the coronavirus pandemic – efforts they say infringe upon their freedom.

"Today is about standing up, taking back what is yours, which is the state of Michigan," Skip Coryell, founder of the Second Amendment March, told the crowd from the Capitol steps. "So today, let's celebrate, let's get loud, let's make some noise and let's have fun. But we are never going to be silent again."

Many in the crowd openly carried rifles and other long guns as well as handguns.

Some displayed signs critical of Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, who has issued a number of far-reaching orders to close businesses and schools, require masks and social distancing, and limit gathering sizes to control the virus that has contributed to thousands of deaths across the state.

A tent was set up where rally-goers could sign a petition to recall the governor. The public supports her handling of the pandemic, according to polling.

Second Amendment March attendee Lee Ann Schneider wore a shirt that said "USA" on the front. On the back, it said "Amendment" with the number "2" below it.

"I think in some cases, yes, I think some Democrats would like to take away our rights with the Second Amendment," said the 58-year-old from Benton Harbor, Michigan, who enjoys target shooting.

Blossomtime Pageant set for Sept. 26

Public not invited, but it will be live-streamed

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — Blossomtime is back.

The 2020 Blossomtime Pageant will be held Saturday, Sept. 26, more than six months after it was postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"The Blossomtime Festival is honored to be able to present the 2020 Miss and Mr. Blossomtime Pageant. We are overjoyed to be able to give the young people of Southwest Michigan this opportunity and we are eager to see who will be crowned Miss and Mr. Blossomtime and their respective courts of honor," said Blossomtime President Anna Abdelnour in a news release. "Not only will they receive the title of Miss Blossomtime and Mr. Blossomtime, they will receive scholarship dollars that can be used to further their education. 2020 has been a challenging year for everyone and our pageant will present itself differently than years past, but the heart of the festival continues to beat strongly for the young people of our communities as we travel this new road together."

The pageant will not follow its traditional format, due to the ongoing pandemic.

Rather than the Mendel Center, the pageant will take place at the Harbor Shores Golf Club Event Tent. The public will not be invited, and tickets will not be sold.

The Mr. Blossomtime Pageant will start at 1 p.m. on Sept. 26. Miss Blossomtime will follow at 3 p.m.

Though the in-person audience will be very limited, the pageant will be streamed live for anyone to view. Officials said as the pageant date approaches, details about how to access the event will be provided on its Facebook page under Blossomtime Festival, Inc.

The Blossomtime Festival is celebrating 114 years in 2020, and on the 26th the 88th Miss Blossomtime will be crowned. It will be the 24th time a Mr. Blossomtime has been selected.

BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Sentences

St. Joseph

Drugs

Darnell D. Moore, 27, of Blossom Lane, Benton Harbor, two concurrent terms of 270 days in jail, credit for 43 days served, for use of narcotics or cocaine and assaulting/resisting and obstructing Benton Harbor Public Safety Officer Corey Radosevich Oct. 17, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

Brandon D. Dowling, 36, of Paw Paw Lake Road, Coloma, two concurrent terms of 61 days in jail, credit for 61 days served, $2,138 in fines and costs and 18 months probation for assaulting/resisting/obstructing and injuring Coloma Township Police Officer Phillip Kennedy and use of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, March 3 in Coloma Township; and a concurrent term of 50 days, credit for 17 days served, for failure to appear in court.

Emilio N. Carrillo, 25, of Highland, Ind., 2 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, and $1,658 in fines and costs for maintaining a drug vehicle April 16 in Bridgman.

Threat of terrorism

Patrick B. Donahue, 39, of Emerson Drive, St. Joseph, two concurrent terms of 1 year in jail, credit for 42 days served, for attempted false reporting a threat of terrorism and using a computer to commit a crime July 25 in Lincoln Township. Donahue, saying he was upset because he was being evicted from his home, sent emails to two local television stations threatening to "go on a rampage," according to court records. According to a police report, he stated in the emails that he is "the Messiah" and that "This world should have treated me better. Now all will pay."

Niles

Larceny

Courtney P. Nixon, 24, of East Washington Street, Berrien Springs, $408 in fines and costs, $779 in restitution and 18 months probation for larceny in a building June 15 at a home on Michigan Street in Berrien Springs.

Drugs

Charles S. Pegan, 25, of Michigan Street, Niles, 16 days in jail, credit for 16 days served, $658 in fines and costs and 2 years probation for use of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, second offense, Feb. 2 in Niles.

Other

Aaron J. Davis, 31, of Walton Road, Niles, 8 days in jail, credit for 8 days served, $348 in fines and costs, 90 days on tether and 2 years probation for distributing sexually explicit material to a child April 24 in Niles Township.

hp ENTERTAINMENT

THE GUIDE

Editor's Note: In these uncertain times, events can change quickly. Be sure to check with each venue for the latest updates and possible cancellations.

TODAY

Mike Talbot: 3 p.m., **80/90:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's outdoor pool, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Mike Struwin: 3:45-6:45 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

The Backsliders: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

South Haven Jazz Festival featuring Blue Shoes Jazz Ensemble: 7 p.m., **Derek Brown:** 8 p.m., and **Ivan Akansiima Trio:** 9 p.m.; online concert (southhavenjazzfestival.com); free

Czar's presents Mr. Z: 7 and 10 p.m., Sandbar & Grille patio, 2701 Lakeshore Drive, St. Joseph; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

SATURDAY

Keith Scott: 2-5 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

Michael Paterson: 3 p.m., **Linz & Cello:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's outdoor pool, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Drive-In Concert Series featuring The Big Payback, Sankofa, and Siusan O'Rourke and Zig Zeitler: 6 p.m., Lake Michigan College Mendel Center parking lot, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor; $10 per person, up to six people per vehicle; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

Big Ben and the Burly Boys: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

South Haven Jazz Festival featuring Edye Evans Hyde: 7 p.m., **Ashley and Benje Daneman:** 8 p.m., and **Jim Cooper Quartet:** 9 p.m.; online concert (southhavenjazzfestival.com); free

Czar's presents Midwest Hype: 7 and 10 p.m., Sandbar & Grille patio, 2701 Lakeshore Drive, St. Joseph; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

The Powdered Toast Men: 8-11 p.m., The Strand, 93415 County Road 690 Dowagiac; 424-7500 or www.strandbrewery.com

SUNDAY

Jimmy Fastiggi: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Brook Farm String Band: 4 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com

TUESDAY

Trivia Tuesday: 7:30 p.m., Arclight Brewing Co., 544 N. Main St., Watervliet; 332-0718 or www.arclightbrewing.com

THURSDAY

Harbor Country Singers singalong: 6:30 p.m., Three Oaks Arts & Entertainment Center, 14 Maple St., Three Oaks (outdoors); free; schoolofamericanmusic.com/hcs

SEPT. 25

Mike Talbot: 3 p.m., **2 Trailers Down:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's outdoor pool, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

The Backsliders: 3:45-6:45 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Photo provided / Jerry Kember

The Big Payback will perform Saturday night as part of The Mendel Center's Drive-In Concert Series. They'll be joined by Sankofa, and Siusan O'Rourke and Zig Zeitler. Tickets for the Drive-In series are now $10 per person, up to six people per vehicle.

Virtual opening and awards reception for "Fantastical Flora and Fauna": 5-6 p.m., South Haven Center for the Arts, 600 Phoenix St., South Haven; free; 637-1041 or www.southhavenarts.org

Benton Harbor Arts Association presents Arts in the Park: 6-9 p.m., Benton Harbor Arts District, 888-3830 or www.newterritoryarts.org

Ed Skjordal: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or vineyard2121.com

Delilah DeWylde: 7-10 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com

Kody Bryant: 8 p.m., Wegners Lakeside Bar & Grill, 2628 Lake Shore Drive, Niles; free; 683-1558 or wegners-lakeside-bar-grill.business.site

SEPT. 26

Niles Apple Festival Harvest Market: 10 a.m.-7 p.m., 17th and Lake streets, Niles; $5 parking; 683-8870 or fourflagsapplefestival.org

Emmanouel Fokianos: 1-3:30 p.m., **Rebecca Anne Band:** 4-6:30 p.m., Round Barn Estate, 10983 Hills Road, Baroda; $5; 422-1617 or roundbarn.com

Chris Burch: 3 p.m., **DaZed and ConfuZed:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's outdoor pool, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

The Acorn Theater Homegrown series premiere: 5:30 p.m., a farm in the Three Oaks area; $30-$55; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

Steve Michaels: 6 p.m., Lehman's Farmhouse, 204 N. Red Bud Trail, Buchanan; 362-4063 or www.lehmansfarmhouse.com

Exit 41: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

Andrews University Alumni Gala Concert (livestreamed): 8 p.m., 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

SEPT. 27

Chris Behre: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Jamileh Cornejo: 3 p.m., Converge Community Church, 601 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo; free; 409-1191 or schoolofamericanmusic.com

A Girl & A Guy: 3-6 p.m., Wegners Lakeside Bar & Grill, 2628 Lake Shore Drive, Niles; free; 683-1558 or wegners-lakeside-bar-grill.business.site

Drive-In Concert Series featuring Alex Holycross and Erin Zindle, John Latini and Mike Talbot: 6 p.m., Lake Michigan College Mendel Center parking lot, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor; $10 per person, up to six people per vehicle; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

Jack Adams: 6-9 p.m., Sister Lakes Brewing Co., 92500 County Road 690, Dowagiac; 332-5135 or sisterlakesbrewing.com

Niles Apple Festival Harvest Market: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., see Sept. 26

SEPT. 29

Trivia Tuesday: 7:30 p.m., Arclight Brewing Co., 544 N. Main St., Watervliet; 332-0718 or www.arclightbrewing.com

SEPT. 30

Opening reception for "To the Polls: Elections & Politics in Berrien County": 5:30-8 p.m., History Center at Courthouse Square, 313 N. Cass St., Berrien Springs; free; 471-1202 or www.berrienhistory.org

OCT. 2

Jimmy Fastiggi: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Karoke with DJ Dale Owen: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

A Girl & A Guy: 7-10 p.m., Jay's Bar, 3025 S. 11th St., Niles; 684-8353 or jayslounge.food96.com

OCT. 3

The Acorn Theater Anywhere presents Brass From the Past: 5 p.m., the Indiana Dunes area; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

Ed Skjordal: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or vineyard2121.com

OCT. 4

Mark Ficks: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

OCT. 6

Trivia Tuesday: 7:30 p.m., Arclight Brewing Co., 544 N. Main St., Watervliet; 332-0718 or www.arclightbrewing.com

OCT. 8

Thursday Night Talks: Growing Up House of David: 6:30-8 p.m., History Center at Courthouse Square, 313 N. Cass St., Berrien Springs; free; 471-1202 or www.berrienhistory.org

OCT. 9

Jimmy Fastiggi: 3:45-6:45 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Michael McIntosh: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

OCT. 10

Harvest & Wine Festival: noon-11 p.m., North Whitaker Street, New Buffalo; 888-660-6222 or www.newbuffalo.org

The Acorn Theater Anywhere presents Miles Nielsen & The Rusted Hearts: 7 p.m., Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

Andrews University Symphony Orchestra fall concert (livestreamed): 8 p.m. 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

OCT. 11

Matt Gabriel: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Andrews University Sunday Music Series presents flutist Aleksandra Kemble (livestreamed): 4 p.m., 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

OCT. 13

Trivia Tuesday: 7:30 p.m., Arclight Brewing Co., 544 N. Main St., Watervliet; 332-0718 or www.arclightbrewing.com

OCT. 15

Gallery tour with Eli Zilke: 6-6:30 p.m. (free, via Zoom), 7-8 p.m. (in person, $15); Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org

OCT. 16

Lynn Callahan: 3:45-6:45 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

The Backsliders: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

OCT. 18

Robert Rolfe Feddersen: 2-5 p.m., Haymarket Taproom, 9301 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman; free; 266-5050 or www.haymarketbeer.com

Marty Miles: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

OCT. 20

Trivia Tuesday: 7:30 p.m., Arclight Brewing Co., 544 N. Main St., Watervliet; 332-0718 or www.arclightbrewing.com

OCT. 23

Dale Wicks: 3:45-6:45 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Funk Fest featuring Hannah Rose and the GraveTones: 9 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $10 suggested admission; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

OCT. 24

Andrews University Wind Symphony fall concert (livestreamed): 8 p.m., 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

Funk Fest featuring Seth Bernard presents "Eggtones For Funk": 8:30 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $10-$15; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

OCT. 25

Matt Gabriel: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Slim Jim: 3 p.m., Wegners Lakeside Bar & Grill, 2628 Lake Shore Drive, Niles; free; 683-1558 or wegners-lakeside-bar-grill.business.site

OCT. 27

Trivia Tuesday: 7:30 p.m., Arclight Brewing Co., 544 N. Main St., Watervliet; 332-0718 or www.arclightbrewing.com

OCT. 30

Joshua Powell: 3:45-6:45 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

OCT. 31

Andrews University Choirs Choral Invitational (livestreamed): 8 p.m., 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

NOV. 1

Mike Talbot: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

NOV. 3

Trivia Tuesday: 7:30 p.m., Arclight Brewing Co., 544 N. Main St., Watervliet; 332-0718 or www.arclightbrewing.com

NOV. 6

Ed Skjordal: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

Karoke with DJ Dale Owen: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

NOV. 7

Andrews Academy Concert to Night (livestreamed): 8 p.m., 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

NOV. 8

Matt Gabriel: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

A Girl & A Guy: 3 p.m., Wegners Lakeside Bar & Grill, 2628 Lake Shore Drive, Niles; free; 683-1558 or wegners-lakeside-bar-grill.business.site

NOV. 10

"The Office"-themed trivia night: 6:30 p.m., Silver Harbor Brewing Co., 721 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; 281-7100 or www.silverharborbrewing.com

Berrien Springs High School Men's Invitational: 7 p.m., 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

Trivia Tuesday: 7:30 p.m., Arclight Brewing Co., 544 N. Main St., Watervliet; 332-0718 or www.arclightbrewing.com

NOV. 12

Thursday Night Talks: 6:30-8 p.m., History Center at Courthouse Square, 313 N. Cass St., Berrien Springs; free; 471-1202 or www.berrienhistory.org

ONGOING

ART EXHIBITS

Biennial Members' Show: through Saturday (virtual and in-person exhibit), Buchanan Art Center, 117 W. Front St., Buchanan; free; 697-4005 or buchananartcenter.com

"Nineteen: Suffrage in Southwest Michigan": through Sunday, History Center at Courthouse Square, 313 N. Cass St., Berrien Springs; free; 471-1202 or www.berrienhistory.org

"Rightfully Hers": through Sept. 25; North Berrien Historical Museum, 300 Coloma Ave., Coloma; free; 468-3330 or www.northberrienhistory.org

"Human Interest: Four Figurative Sculptures" (outdoors): through Oct. 17, **"Artists As Influencers: Pathways in Glass"** and **"Shelter-in-Place" (virtual and in-person exhibits):** through Nov. 29, Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org

"Fantastical Flora and Fauna" (virtual exhibit): Sept. 25-Nov. 7, South Haven Center for the Arts, 600 Phoenix St., South Haven; free; 637-1041 or www.southhavenarts.org

"The Keepers of the Fire: The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi": through summer 2021; The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center, 601 Main St., St. Joseph; free; 983-1191 or www.theheritagemcc.org

FILM

Virtual screenings: "Desert One": $4.99 for 3-day rental; **"August Virgin":** $12; **"Made in Bangladesh":** $12; **"Jazz on a Summer's Day":** $10 for 5 days; **"River City Drumbeat":** $12 for 3 days; **"Gordon Lightfoot: If You Could Read My Mind":** $9.99 for 3 days; **"Out Stealing Horses":** $12 for 3 days; **"Rebuilding Paradise":** $12 for 3 days; Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks; 756-3522 or vickerstheatre.com

ATTRACTIONS

Niles Scream Park: 8-11 p.m. Sept. 18-19, 25-26; 7-11 p.m. Oct. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-31; 7-10 p.m. Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 6-7; Niles Scream Park, 855 Mayflower Road, Niles; $5-$15 individual attraction tickets, $28-$45 combination packages; 687-3327 or haunted.org

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Cox makes ace for St. Joseph JV

Margaret Cox of the St. Joseph junior varsity girls golf team made a hole-in-one in a recent match against Lakeshore. Cox aced the 110-yard No. 1 hole on the Little Bud course at Blossom Trails using a pitching wedge. She went on to shoot a personal-best 38.

Bears coach Ryan Walters said it is the first hole-in-one that he is aware of by a St. Joseph girls golfer in a competitive match.

NCAA proposes framework for fall sports in spring

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — National tournaments will have fewer teams and fewer sites for preliminary rounds under the NCAA Division I Council's proposal for fall sports that were pushed to the spring because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The council approved recommendations from the spring sports' competition committees on Wednesday and will forward them to the Division I Board of Governors for approval.

For team sports, the field for national tournaments will be reduced to 75 percent of the normal number of teams. The Board of Governors has directed that the number of preliminary-round sites be reduced to support health and safety and operational management of the championships this spring.

Tigers fall to Ramierz, Tigers

DETROIT (AP) — Jose Ramirez homered twice on his 28th birthday, Shane Bieber took a shutout into the eighth inning and the Cleveland Indians snapped their eight-game losing streak with a 10-3 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Thursday night.

Bieber (8-1) didn't allow a run until his final hitter, Willi Castro, hit a three-run homer in the eighth. That cost the Cleveland right-hander the major league ERA lead, but Bieber did become the first eight-game winner of this shortened season. He allowed four hits in 7 2/3 innings.

Bieber, a leading candidate for his first AL Cy Young Award, struck out 10 to raise his season total to 112, baseball's top mark. He walked two.

Casey Mize (0-2) allowed three earned runs in 3 2/3 innings for Detroit.

Charles Rex Arbogast / AP

Chicago's Jose Abreu, left, and manager Rick Renteria celebrate after the White Sox clinched a playoff berth with a 4-3 win over the Minnesota Twins on Thursday.

Postseason bound

White Sox beat Twins 4-3 to clinch playoff spot

By JOHN JACKSON
Associated Press

CHICAGO — After clinching a postseason berth for the first time since 2008, the Chicago White Sox were low key during their on-field celebration.

Bigger bashes await greater achievements.

"We said we're going to save it for when we clinch our division," Eloy Jiménez said Thursday after his tiebreaking double capped a two-run, seventh-inning rally in a 4-3 win over the Minnesota Twins. "We have 10 games left. We need to keep playing hard."

Chicago (33-17) opened a three-game lead over the second-place Twins (31-21) in the AL Central. The White Sox assured themselves of no worse than a wild-card berth.

José Abreu homered and drove in two runs and Edwin Encarnación also homered for Chicago, which won three of four in the series.

"We're definitely bringing excitement back to the South Side," shortstop Tim Anderson said.

Chicago trailed 3-2 in the seventh when Abreu, who leds the major leagues with 51 RBIs, beat out an infield hit on a slow grounder to shortstop that drove in Jarrod Dyson from third base.

Jiménez, who had struck out in his three previous at-bats, followed with a double that drove in pinch-runner Yolmer Sánchez.

Byron Buxton homered twice, giving him seven in his last nine games and 12 this season. Josh Donaldson also went deep for Minnesota, whose lead for home-field advantage in the first round was cut to 1 ½ games over the New York Yankees.

Donaldson barked at plate umpire Dan Bellino for the second time in the sixth inning after a strike was called on a checked swing on a 2-0 pitch. After manager Rocco Baldelli came out to speak with Bellino, Donaldson homered on the next offering and kicked dirt at home plate as he crossed it after rounding the bases.

Bellino ejected him immediately, and Donaldson, realizing he had missed home plate, returned to the plate to touch it and then argued as he kicked more dirt on it. Donaldson also had argued with Bellino on a 1-1 breaking ball in the first inning that appeared to be high but was called a strike, leading to a strikeout.

"We need Josh on the field, out there playing, and at third base," Baldelli said. "That's when we're at our best. And so that's really the end of it. I think we can move past it at his point, and go from here."

Codi Heuer (3-0) pitched a scoreless 1 ⅔ innings, and Alex Colomé got four outs for his 12th save in 13 chances.

Tyler Clippard (1-1) gave up two runs in two-thirds of an inning.

The first five runs scored on solo homers.

Buxton homered in the second, Abreu tied in the fourth, and Buxton gave the Twins a 2-1 lead in the fifth with a 420-foot drive. Encarnación tied it the bottom half.

Minnesota had a chance to extend the lead in the seventh when center fielder Luis Robert allowed Ryan Jeffers' fly ball to glance off his glove for an error.

Buxton started the play on first and was near second and started to return when the ball fell, then sprinted home.

Robert quickly retrieved the ball and fed cutoff man Nick Madrigal, who made a one-hop throw to catcher Yasmani Grandal for the tag.

Roster move

RHP Zack Littell was sent outright to the Twins' alternate site at St. Paul after clearing waivers. Littell, who last appeared in a game on Aug. 21, has a 9.95 ERA in six games after going 6-0 with a 2.68 ERA last season.

Trainer's room

Twins: Baldelli said there's a chance RHP Jake Odorizzi (blister) could pitch again this season but the team won't know his status for a couple more days. Odorizzi, making his first start in a month, had to leave Wednesday night's game in the fourth inning after the blister on his middle finger opened up.

White Sox: LHPs Aaron Bummer (nerve issue near biceps) and Carlos Rodón (shoulder, back) worked out on the field before the game.

Up next

Twins: Minnesota moves eight miles north to Wrigley Field for the second leg of its week in Chicago to face the Cubs in a three-game series. LHP Rich Hill (2-1, 3.81 ERA) faces RHP Kyle Hendricks (5-4, 3.29) in the opener Friday night.

White Sox: RHP Jonathan Stiever (0-0, 2.45 ERA) starts the opener of a three-game series Friday night at Cincinnati.

Thomas takes U.S. Open lead with 65 at soft Winged Foot

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

MAMARONECK, N.Y. — All that hype over how tough the U.S. Open can be at Winged Foot. All that history of so many scores over par.

Thursday brought a surprise: All those red numbers.

Justin Thomas led the way with six birdies and only one bogey from a bad lie in the bunker, finishing with a 25-foot birdie putt that he barely touched for a 5-under 65.

It was the lowest score in a U.S. Open at Winged Foot, which is hosting the Open for the sixth time dating to 1929. And it was worth only a one-shot lead over Patrick Reed, Thomas Pieters of Belgium and Matthew Wolff, the 21-year-old Californian making his U.S. Open debut.

Rory McIlroy, who has been struggling to get off to a decent start in the majors, opened with a 67 and tried to contain his disappointment it wasn't lower. He had a pair of three-putts that held him back, one on the 329-yard sixth where he hit driver onto the middle of the green and had to settle for par.

McIlroy was among those two shots behind on a scoreboard filled with red numbers, an unusual site for Winged Foot. In the previous five U.S. Opens, a total of 17 players were under par after the first round. On Thursday, there were 21.

No one believes it will stay that way. Still, this was the day to take advantage.

"It's helpful with three days left, but it's not even remotely close to being over," Thomas said of his best start in a U.S Open or any major. "As great of a round and fun as it was, it's over with now, and I need to get over it."

Thomas went into the week saying it was a "different kind of fun" to grind over pars, to hit middle irons to difficult pins instead of the low scoring at so many other tournaments.

This was fun, too.

Patrick Reed and Will Zalatoris made a hole-in-one on No. 7, and Zalatoris somehow missed another ace on No. 13. Spanish amateur Eduard Rousand holed out for eagle from the first fairway with his second shot in his U.S. Open debut. Louis Oosthuizen holed out for eagle on second fairway.

"Yeah, 65 is fun no matter where you play, especially at Winged Foot," Thomas said. "I was in a really good frame of mind, and I was focused. I just was sticking to my routine and playing every shot, as opposed to getting ahead of myself. It's one of those rounds where ... next thing you know, you make the putt on 18, you're done for the day."

He played with Tiger Woods and PGA champion Collin Morikawa, who couldn't get done fast enough.

Woods was in five bunkers through five holes and then appeared to steady himself with three straight birdies around the turn to get under par, but only briefly. He made three bogeys coming in, still had a chance to post a reasonable score and then let it get away.

From short of the steep shelf fronting the 18th green, he flubbed a flop shot, pitched the next one about 8 feet beyond the pin and missed the putt to take double bogey for a73.

"I did not finish off the round like I needed to," Woods said, an expression he uttered five more times out of the six questions he faced after his round.

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Justin Thomas plays a shot from a bunker on the 17th hole during the first round of the U.S. Open on Thursday.

Whitmer: Mask order applies to Big Ten, but may be changed

Governor willing to have discussion with conference

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's office said Thursday her requirement that athletes wear masks applies to Big Ten football in Michigan, but a face shield will suffice for players and the administration is open to potentially changing the order.

Her office said it will talk to the conference about the mandate, which covers organized sports in which athletes cannot keep distance "except for occasional and fleeting moments." The state measure exempts professional sports and amateur sports like tennis, golf, cross country, baseball and softball.

The Big Ten announced Wednesday it plans to open its football season the weekend of Oct. 23-24, reversing a decision to push fall sports to the spring in the name of player safety during the coronavirus pandemic.

The Democratic governor's order covers both training and competition.

Mark Totten, Whitmer's chief legal counsel, said pro athletes do not face the mask requirement because of their sports' "very rigorous protocols."

Asked if the order could be revised before Big Ten football starts, he told The Associated Press: "This development just came yesterday from the Big Ten. I think we're certainly open to having conversations."

Whitmer spokeswoman Tiffany Brown later said the state reached out to the conference "to discuss further as it may be fitting to treat the Big Ten more like professional sports – as they are very stringent and there are clear rules and guidance in place."

The Big Ten is banking on daily testing to mitigate the risk of outbreaks. The Big Ten will begin daily antigen testing of all fall sports athletes, coaches and staff Sept. 30.

University of Michigan athletics spokesman Dave Ablauf said the Wolverines have been following the order.

"We have players that wear both face shields, the upper and new lower shield, as well as masks/neck gators during practice," he said. "All of our coaches, staff and practice personnel wear masks/gators during practice."

HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

GIRLS SWIMMING

BRIDGMAN 109, BC CENTRAL 56

200 medley relay — Bridgman (Leah Horvath, Eden Gray, Madylin Keigley, Audrey Dixon) 2:00.42, 200 freestyle – Audrey Dixon (Brid) 2:11.37; 200 IM – Leah Horvath (Brid) 2:28.98; 50 freestyle – Ainsley Martin (B) 27.74; diving – Aurelia Davis (Brid) 144.30; 100 butterfly – Madylin Keigley (Brid) 1:05.67; 100 freestyle – Audrey Dixon (Brid) 59.34; 500 freestyle – Lorraine Holtgren (Brid) 5:55.58; 200 free relay – Bridgman (Ainsley Martin, Maddix Roberts, Tatiana Beran, Jalynn Krieger) 1:56.17.

ST. JOSEPH 117, MATTAWAN 72

200 medley relay — St. Joseph (Mia Wurster, Grace Mollison, Sylvia Park, Addie Straub) 2:04.56; 200 freestyle – Ella Ott (SJ) 2:31.48; 200 IM – Jordan Block (SJ) 2:38.41; 50 freestyle – Emma Dibkey (SJ) 28.26; diving – Ella Weiss (M) 166.8; 100 butterfly – Sylvia Park (SJ) 1:03.67; 100 freestyle – Emma Dibkey (SJ) 1:02.17; 500 freestyle – Jordan Block (SJ) 6:09.00; 200 free relay – St. Joseph (Mia Wurster, Sylvia Park, Emma Dibkey, Addie Straub) 1:54.10; 100 backstroke – Mia Wurster (SJ) 1:11.32; 100 breaststroke – Sylvia Park (SJ) 1:15.08; 400 free relay – Mattawan 4:41.08.

BOYS SOCCER

HARTFORD 5, HILLSDALE ACADEMY 1

Goals — Hartford: Alan Gonzalez 3, Caiden Smith 2.
Assists – Hartford: Yael Sanchez-Lopez, Aaron Robles, Gonzalez.
Saves – Kaiden Johnson (Htf) 8.
Halftime – Tied 1-1.
Record – Hartford 4-1.

Wednesday's results

WATERVLIET 4, COLOMA 1

Goals — Watervliet: Derek Roggelien 2, Scott Crippen 2. Coloma: Lucian Whitaker.
Assist – Coloma: Layne Whitaker.
Shots – Watervliet 15, Coloma 3.
Saves – Wes Seabury (C) 12, Brayden Selent (W) 2.
Halftime – Watervliet 1-0.

VOLLEYBALL

CENTREVILLE D. HARTFORD 25-11, 25-10, 25-17

Hartford — A. Snodgrass 3 kills; K. McCoy 2 kills; K. Manning 4 assists; M. Pultz 2 assists; K. Burfield 2 assists; M. Requenes 6 digs; V. Delarosa 5 digs; A. Jordan 4 digs; M. Solis 2 aces; K. Johnson 1 ace.
Records – Hartford 0-2 SW10, 1-5.

COLOMA D. KAL. HACKETT 25-17, 27-25, 25-21

Coloma — Maddie McQuillian 2 kills, 14 assists, 4 aces, 9 digs; Maurissa LaGrow 14 kills; Adian Allmon 2 kills, 2 aces, 5 digs; Gracie Whittaker 4 kills, 1 dig; Addy Kimmerly 3 digs; Taryn Blazier 8 kills, 3 aces, 2 digs; Chloe Mathis 9 digs; Mia Cole 2 kills, 5 aces, 18 digs; Ciara Kimmerly 1 kill, 1 dig.

SCOREBOARD

MLB

American League
Wednesday's Games
Washington 4, Tampa Bay 2, 10 innings
Oakland 3, Colorado 1
Kansas City 4, Detroit 0
N.Y. Yankees 13, Toronto 2
Baltimore 5, Atlanta 1
Miami 8, Boston 4
Texas 1, Houston 0
Minnesota 5, Chicago White Sox 1
Chicago Cubs 3, Cleveland 2, 10 innings
Arizona 9, L.A. Angels 6
San Francisco 9, Seattle 3, 1st game
San Francisco at Seattle, ppd., 2nd game

Thursday's Games
Boston 5, Miami 3
Chicago White Sox 4, Minnesota 3
Tampa Bay 3, Baltimore 1, 1st game
L.A. Angels 7, Arizona 3
San Francisco 6, Seattle 4
Houston 2, Texas 1
Toronto at N.Y. Yankees
Cleveland 10, Detroit 3
Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 2nd game

National League
Wednesday's Games
Washington 4, Tampa Bay 2, 10 innings
Oakland 3, Colorado 1
St. Louis 4, Milwaukee 2, 7 innings, 1st game
L.A. Dodgers 7, San Diego 5
Cincinnati 1, Pittsburgh 0
Milwaukee 6, St. Louis 0, 7 innings, 2nd game
Baltimore 5, Atlanta 1
Miami 8, Boston 4
N.Y. Mets 5, Philadelphia 4
Chicago Cubs 3, Cleveland 2, 10 innings
Arizona 9, L.A. Angels 6
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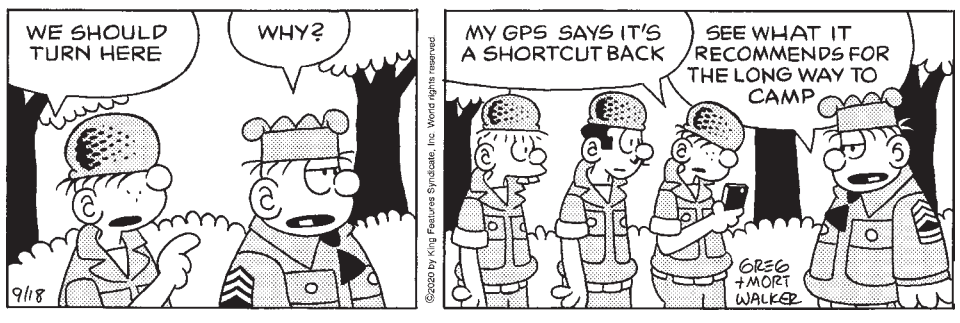
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado

BEETLE BAILEY


WE SHOULD TURN HERE
WHY?
MY GPS SAYS IT'S A SHORTCUT BACK
SEE WHAT IT RECOMMENDS FOR THE LONG WAY TO CAMP
GREG + MORT WALKER
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BLONDIE

BOSS, DID YOU JUST TOSS THIS PAPER CUP AT ME?!
YOU WERE SLEEPING AT YOUR POST AGAIN, BUMSTEAD!
I FINALLY FIGURED OUT THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO WAKE YOU BY GLARING AT YOU!
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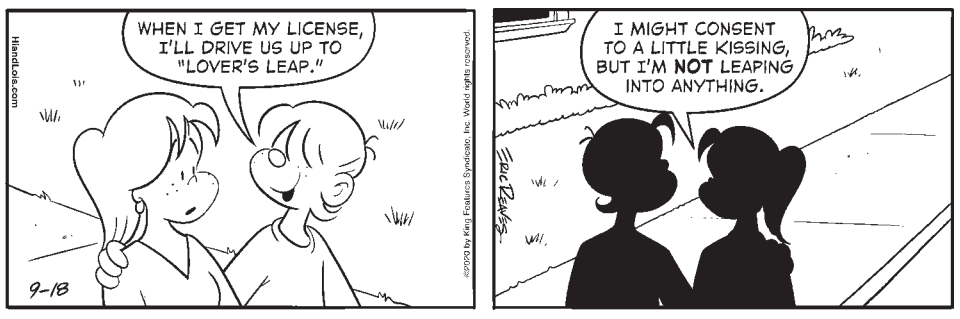
HI & LOIS


WHEN I GET MY LICENSE, I'LL DRIVE US UP TO "LOVER'S LEAP."
I MIGHT CONSENT TO A LITTLE KISSING, BUT I'M NOT LEAPING INTO ANYTHING.
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ERIC REEVES

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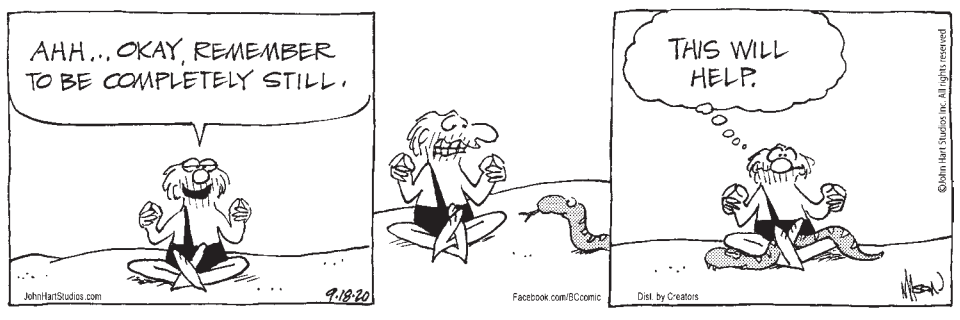

WIZARD OF ID

DILBERT

WE ARE ADDING A CHIP TO YOUR EMPLOYEE BADGES SO WE CAN TRACK YOUR SOCIAL DISTANCING.
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A CONVENIENT EXCUSE TO DO SOMETHING YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO ANYWAY.
THAT'S PROBABLY A COINCIDENCE.
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GARFIELD

LIZ, WERE YOU POPULAR IN HIGH SCHOOL?
SURE, WERE YOU?
UH...YEAH
THEY HATED TO SEE ME LEAVE!
THE BULLIES FLEW HIS UNDERWEAR AT HALF-STAFF
JIM DAVIS 9-18
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FORT KNOX

DID YOU KNOW THAT I'M A MENSA MEMBER TOO?
NO, PEARL.
WELL, I DON'T LIKE TO BRAG ABOUT IT.
I ADMIRE THAT.
IN FACT, I MENTIONED IT ONLY ONCE BEFORE.
REALLY? HOW?
ON A BILLBOARD.
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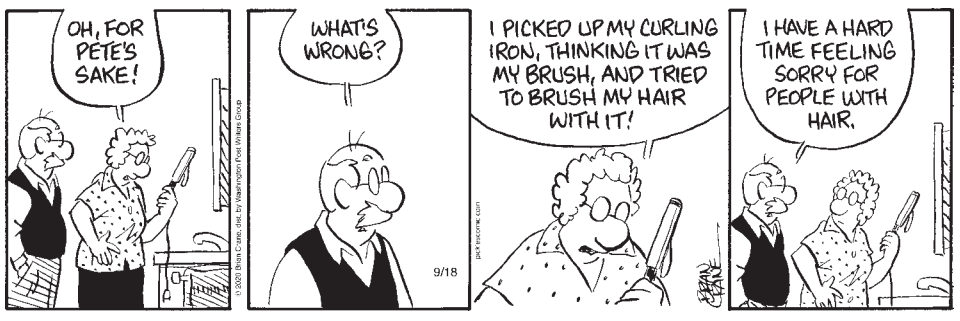
OH, FOR PETE'S SAKE!
WHAT'S WRONG?
I PICKED UP MY CURLING IRON, THINKING IT WAS MY BRUSH, AND TRIED TO BRUSH MY HAIR WITH IT!
I HAVE A HARD TIME FEELING SORRY FOR PEOPLE WITH HAIR.
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FAMILY CIRCUS

BABY BLUES

EWWW! DISGUSTING!
OH, HAMMIE! C'MON!
IF YOU WOULD USE A TISSUE, YOU WOULDN'T GROSS OUT EVERYONE IN THE HOUSE.
THANKS FOR THE BULLETIN, CAPTAIN OBVIOUS.
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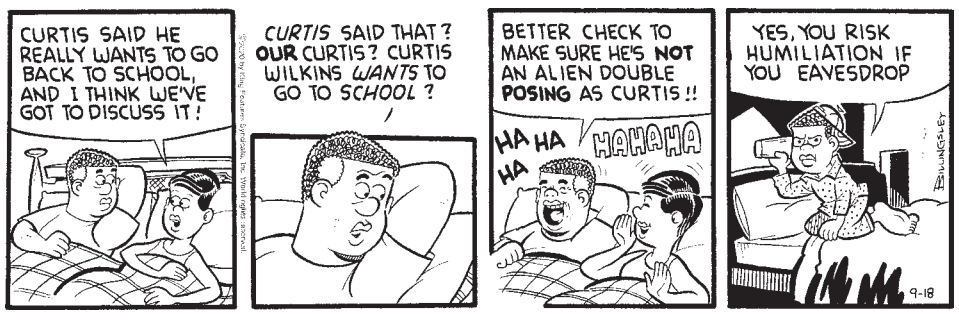
CURTIS


CURTIS SAID HE REALLY WANTS TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL, AND I THINK WE'VE GOT TO DISCUSS IT!
CURTIS SAID THAT? OUR CURTIS? CURTIS WILKINS WANTS TO GO TO SCHOOL?
BETTER CHECK TO MAKE SURE HE'S NOT AN ALIEN DOUBLE POSING AS CURTIS!!
HA HA HA
HAHAHA
YES, YOU RISK HUMILIATION IF YOU EAVESDROP
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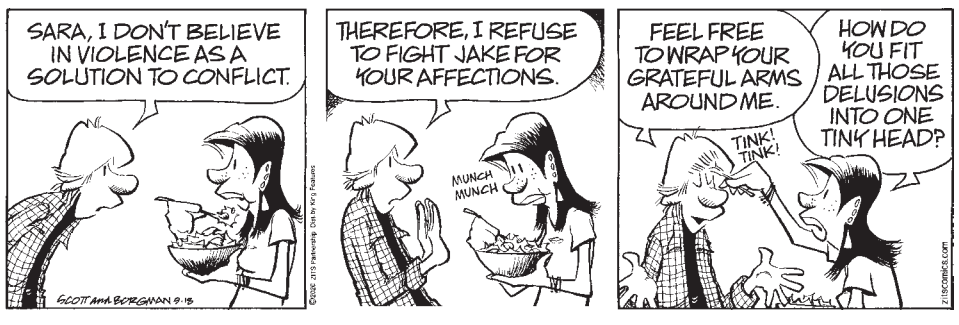
BRUNSELEY

ZITS


SARA, I DON'T BELIEVE IN VIOLENCE AS A SOLUTION TO CONFLICT.
THEREFORE, I REFUSE TO FIGHT JAKE FOR YOUR AFFECTIONS.
MUNCH MUNCH
FEEL FREE TO WRAP YOUR GRATEFUL ARMS AROUND ME.
TINK! TINK!
HOW DO YOU FIT ALL THOSE DELUSIONS INTO ONE TINY HEAD?
SCOTT AMMERMAN 9-18
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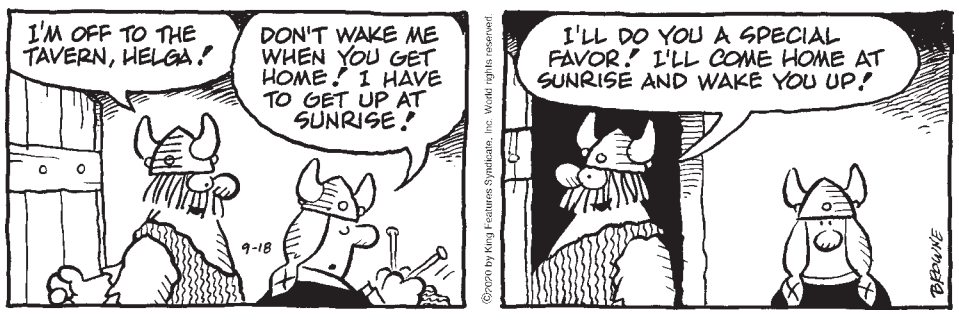
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


I'M OFF TO THE TAVERN, HELGA!
DON'T WAKE ME WHEN YOU GET HOME! I HAVE TO GET UP AT SUNRISE!
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I'LL DO YOU A SPECIAL FAVOR! I'LL COME HOME AT SUNRISE AND WAKE YOU UP!
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BROOME

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

I'VE SEEN THAT NAME BEFORE. DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S ABOUT?
GONE WITH THE WIND
I THINK SO.
...IT'S ABOUT A TORNADO IN A TRAILER PARK
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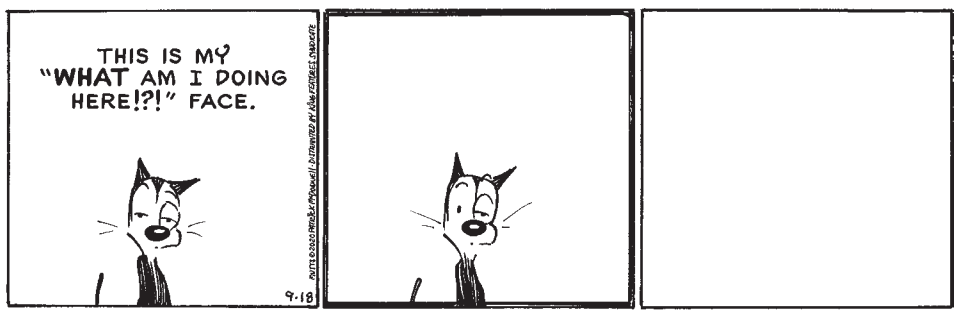
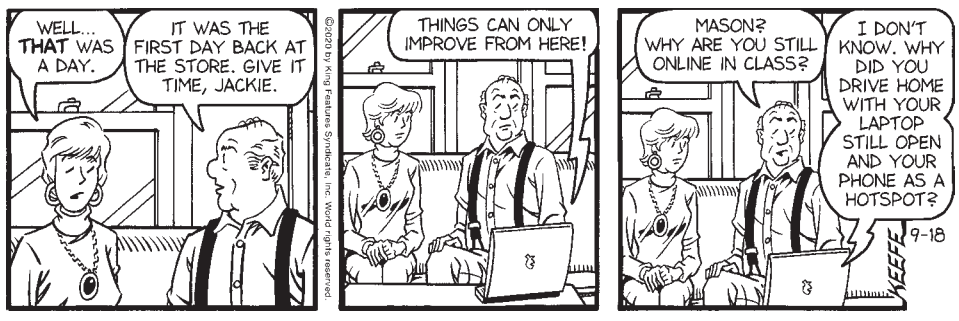
MIKE PEDERS

MUTTS



SALLY FORTH


WELL... THAT WAS A DAY.
IT WAS THE FIRST DAY BACK AT THE STORE. GIVE IT TIME, JACKIE.
THINGS CAN ONLY IMPROVE FROM HERE!
MASON? WHY ARE YOU STILL ONLINE IN CLASS?
I DON'T KNOW. WHY DID YOU DRIVE HOME WITH YOUR LAPTOP STILL OPEN AND YOUR PHONE AS A HOTSPOT?
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JEFFEE

DENNIS THE MENACE

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PRIME TIME TV

FRIDAY EVENING SEP. 18

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Shark Tank CC (DVS)		:01 20/20 (N) CC			
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	MacGyver Mac is put into a dream state.		Love Island (N) CC		Blue Bloods "Reckless" CC (DVS)	
NBC 5 8 16	Nightly News	America's Got Talent "Semi-Finals 2" Eleven semifinalists perform. CC				Dateline NBC (N) CC	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (L)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Black Journal	Washing-ton Week	Fir-ing-Hoover	Great Performances (N) CC		Art in the Twenty-First Century	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Masters of Illusion	Masters of Illusion	Funniest Animals	Funniest Animals	News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "In a Duffel Bag" CC		CSI: Miami "Killer Regrets" CC		CSI: Miami "By the Book" CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Masters of Illusion	Masters of Illusion	Funniest Animals	Funniest Animals	King of Queens	King of Queens
WHME 46	:00 Heart-land	Heartland "Leap of Faith" CC (DVS)		Highway to Heaven "Love and Marriage"		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	5:00 Live Rescue	Live Rescue: Rewind (N) CC		Live Rescue "Live Rescue -- 09.18.20" (N) CC			
AMC	5:30 I, Robot	★★ Men in Black 3 ('12) Will Smith. Agent J must go back to the past to save mankind's future.					True Lies
Animal	Monsters	River Monsters: Deadliest Man-Eaters (N)				Mysteries of Deep	
BET	:00 ★★★ Training Day ('01) Denzel Washington.					Payne	Payne
Big Ten	:00 Women's College Volleyball			Women's College Volleyball CC			
Bravo	5:19 Hitch ('05)	7:49 ★★ Fifty Shades of Grey ('15, Romance) Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan, Jennifer Ehle. CC					Fifty Shades
Cartoon	Gumball	Burgers	American	American	American	Rick	Rick
Cinemax	Tower Heist ('11)	Inheritance ('20, Suspense) Lily Collins, Simon Pegg. (P). CC				9:55 ★★ Live by Night ('16) CC	
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	Secret	Secret	Secret	Secret	Secret	Listing Impossible	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Anderson Cooper		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	:45 South Park		South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Chappelle	Chappelle
Discovery	Bering Sea Gold	Bering Sea Gold "Freezer Burn" (N)		:03 100 Days Wild "Frozen Out" (N)		:05 Homestead Rescue CC	
Disney	Raven	★★ Hotel Transylvania 3			Disney	Raven	Raven
DIY	Beach	Lakefront		Lakefront		Beachfrnt Reno	
E!	6:00 Hitch ('05)	★★ Legally Blonde ('01) CC					10 Things
ESPN	College Football Houston at Memphis. (N) (L)						SportCtr
ESPN2	UFC Live	ESPN Original Documentaries			30 for 30		
ESPNC	:00 MLB Baseball			MLB Baseball			
Food	Diners	Diners, Drive		Diners	Diners	Diners, Drive	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	:00 MLB Baseball Cleveland Indians at Detroit Tigers.					Tigers Lv.	Tigers Lv.
Freefrm	:00 ★★★ Big Hero 6 ('14) Voices of Ryan Potter. CC			★★★ Wreck-It Ralph ('12) Voices of John C. Reilly, Sarah Silverman. CC			
FX	Pitch Perfect 2	★★ Pitch Perfect 3 ('17) Anna Kendrick, Hailee Steinfeld, Rebel Wilson. CC				★★ Pitch Perfect 3 ('17) CC	
Golf	:00 Live From the U.S. Open (N)			LPGA Golf			
Hallmark	Royal Match	Christmas at Holly Lodge ('17, Drama) Alison Sweeney, Jordan Bridges. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	6:30 ★★ John Q ('02, Drama) CC		Coastal Elites Politics, culture and the pandemic. CC			Real Time With Bill Maher (N) CC	
History	Mon	MonsterQuest		Deadly Jellyfish		:03 Ancient Aliens	
HGTV	Dream	Dream	Dream	Selling	Selling	Dream	Dream
Learning	90 Day	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)				90 Day	90 Day
Lifetime	5:30 Enough	★★ Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail ('09) Tyler Perry, Derek Luke. CC				:03 ★ Killers ('10) Ashton Kutcher.	
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Cincinnati Reds.					Postgame	Football
NFL	NFL Total	NFL GameDay View		NFL Fantasy Live		Inspire Change (N)	
Nick	Casagran	Unfiltered	Group	★★ Saban's Power Rangers ('17)			
NGEO	Sharks	Shark vs. Predator		Deadliest Whale		Ocean Fight Night	
Oxygen	:00 Dateline: Secrets Uncovered A mother of four vanishes. (N)			Buried in the Backyard CC		Buried in the Backyard CC	
Parmt	:00 ★★★ Tombstone ('93) Kurt Russell. CC					Tombstone	
Showtime	Minority Report	★★★ Marshall ('17, Historical Drama) Chadwick Boseman, Josh Gad. CC				★★ 21 Bridges ('19) CC	
Starz	Bad Boys for Life	Power Book II: Ghost "The Stranger"		:09 Power Book II: Ghost CC		:10 Vida CC	Fantasy Island
STZENC	Man of House	★★★ The American President ('95) Michael Douglas, Annette Bening. CC				9:57 ★★ The Hunted ('03) CC	
SyFy	:00 ★ Friday the 13th, Part 2 ('81) Amy Steel. CC			★★ Friday the 13th ('80, Horror) Betsy Palmer, Adrienne King. CC			
TBS	★ Grown Ups ('10, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Chris Rock. CC				:45 ★ Blended ('14) Adam Sandler. CC (DVS)		
TCM	Grand Hotel ('32)	★★ The Rain People ('69, Drama) James Caan, Shirley Knight. CC				★★★ Harry and Tonto ('74) CC	
TMC	Hamp-stead	★★★ Kate & Leopold ('01) Meg Ryan, Hugh Jackman, Liev Schreiber. CC				★★★ Julie & Julia ('09) CC	
TNT	The	NBA Pre-Game		NBA Basketball			
Travel	Paranorm.	Paranormal Witness		Paranormal Witness		Paranormal	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows
VH1	Madea	RuPaul's Drag Race		★★ Varsity Blues ('99) CC			
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Gutoscopy uses smart pill to collect samples

DEAR DOCTOR: What on earth is a "gutoscopy"? We saw it on the news – something about a pill that goes in one end and comes out the other, but it sounded more like science fiction than anything real.

DEAR READER: Your question brings us to the brave new world of what are sometimes referred to as "smart pills." These are tiny devices, small enough to be swallowed, that perform a range of functions as they move along the gastrointestinal tract. This can include the precision delivery of medication, the collection of different types of data, and keeping track of whether or not someone is taking a prescription as needed.

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

Certain types of smart pills are equipped with biosensors, pH and chemical sensors, or imaging capabilities. Classified as ingestible sensors, they can be used to collect information such as pressure readings, pH and temperature data. The data they gather can shed light on the workings of the stomach, small bowel and colon. Rather than an invasive procedure that requires surgery or an instrument threaded through a catheter, the patient swallows a capsule that contains the miniature sensor. The device then transmits its findings to a computer.

Some types of smart pills are engineered to collect samples from inside the body for study and analysis. That's the case with the "gutoscopy" device you're referring to in your question. Developed several years ago by researchers at Purdue University, the team published a paper about its findings earlier this year. Their goal was to devise a noninvasive method to learn more about the billions of microscopic organisms that live within the human gut.

Research continues to link the workings of the gut microbiome to an ever-expanding array of biological functions and health conditions. This includes obesity, diabetes, mood, digestive disorders, cardiovascular health and certain cancers. The composition of the gut microbiome has also been linked to various neurological diseases, including Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, autism spectrum disorder and Alzheimer's disease.

The "gutoscopy" capsule, which is still in the research phase, is made of nontoxic 3D-printed resin. It's formulated to dissolve at a specific pH within the gut. This allows the release of a "thirsty" gel, similar to that used in moisture-absorbing pads and diapers. The hydrogel collects gut bacteria from the fluid of the intestine. The capsule is designed to travel the length of the bowel, carried along by the natural wavelike contractions of the digestive process. It collects samples as it goes, until a change in pressure forces the capsule to close. The device passes from the body in a bowel movement. Researchers can then open the capsule, collect the gel and analyze the array of gut flora that it contains.

Unlike existing diagnostic tests, such as a colonoscopy or an endoscopy, this new capsule can travel the entire length of the gut, and it wouldn't have to be administered in a clinical setting. The goal is to learn more about the diversity of microorganisms living within the gut. That information can help researchers better understand disease processes, and craft medications and therapies.

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My sister-in-law drives me nuts

DEAR CAROLYN: A few years ago, my brother married "Tina." They are both very loud personalities, but he's happy and they seem good for each other, so I'm on board ... kind of.

I really don't enjoy her company. Our family regularly has Sunday dinner together, and I'm always disappointed when she comes. Before they were married, I tried getting to know her without my brother, but she seemed to sulk the whole time we were out and spent a lot of time in her phone, so I took it that we probably won't be friends.

Carolyn Hax

I could remain friendly at first, though now I have trouble even doing that. She monopolizes every conversation, talks over you, interrupts when you can get a word in, or steers everything back to a random story she just has to tell.

I know it bugs my parents and other brother- and sister-in-law, but they have much better poker faces, and jokingly complain when Tina leaves. At this point, I just play with nieces and nephews rather than attempt to engage.

Is this a battle I should choose to fight, and let her know I have a hard time holding a conversation when she's around because she talks over everyone, or do I just play with the kids and let it go? – Silent Sister

Dear Silent Sister: Can't say I like my choices.

The play diversion is fine, of course – and akin to what I often recommend for dealing with a difficult personality in the close quarters of a family gathering.

Find ways to be busy, to enjoy yourself, to get fresh air, to piece together a bunch of small strategies that help you preserve what you love about family time.

Tina doesn't sound like an agent of malice, though, so much as social ineptitude. And so it just feels ... unfortunate, to encourage an approach that effectively humors her to her face while quietly icing her out.

I know, I know, she drives you nuts. For valid reason, it appears, and by her own hand. And you've tried. And I'm not the one who has to be at these Sunday ~~monologues~~ dinners.

But giving up on her will be available to you eternally, so why not postpone it in favor of one (more) big push to make a Tina-shaped place in your heart? For the woman who's "good for" your brother?

This push can also involve the piecing together of multiple strategies. You've likely defaulted to seeking proof you're right to dislike her; we all do that. Force yourself back to seeking her strengths. Find *any* mutual interests. Anything. Then ask questions, invite her into this space to feel welcome.

That alone can blunt a person's (nervous) impulse to dominate.

Also, share activities that aren't conversation-dependent and have end points. Cook or wash dishes together, run errands, start board-game tourneys. Whatever. Set bearable terms, include Tina.

Been there, done this? Try again. Worst case, you're back where you are now.

Most important, be assertive in conversation: "Hang on to that for a sec, Tina – I'm almost finished." "That's [positive adjective], Tina. Going back, though, Mom – you were saying?"

Never meanly, of course; think moderator of a lively panel discussion.

I'm not saying to try forever – just, again, for Team Sunday, which sounds worth fighting for.

Email Carolyn Hax at tellme@washpost.com, follow her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/carolyn.hax or chat with her online at noon each Friday at www.washingtonpost.com.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Softball or tennis
5 Express grief
8 Stick-in-the-mud
12 — Saint Laurent
13 Legume
14 Fashion magazine
15 Inch fractions
16 Rocket trajectory
17 Drawn tight
18 Wild guesses
20 Cutting instrument
22 — Kippur
23 Refrain syllables
24 Tibet's capital
27 Burrowing rodent
30 Geological period
31 Turkish official
32 Tayback or Damone
34 Oils or watercolors
35 Out caller
37 Mr. Lilly
38 Alcoves
40 Held title to
42 Daiquiri need
43 Utility bill abbr.
44 Spud source
46 Approaches
49 Put one's foot — —
50 Tax shelter
52 Regulations
54 Single time
55 Race the engine
56 Latin 101 word
57 Manipulated
58 Compass dir.
59 Mathematician — Descartes

DOWN
1 Place for a workout
2 Hertz competitor
3 Become soft
4 Dryden works
5 Twitch
6 Poet's contraction
7 Inventory
8 Charm
9 Viking name
10 Bookbinder's need
11 Still
19 Jungle snake
21 Wine valley
24 Meadow
25 Auto part
26 Debate side
27 Mountain passes
28 Flush with
29 Vex
33 British FBI
35 Nope (hyph.)
36 Autobiographies
39 Boxed up
40 Get a loan
41 Ahab's vessel
43 Scoundrel
44 Hostels
45 Gambler's cubes
47 Not easily found
48 Long-necked bird
49 Chit
51 Legal matter
53 Sault — Marie

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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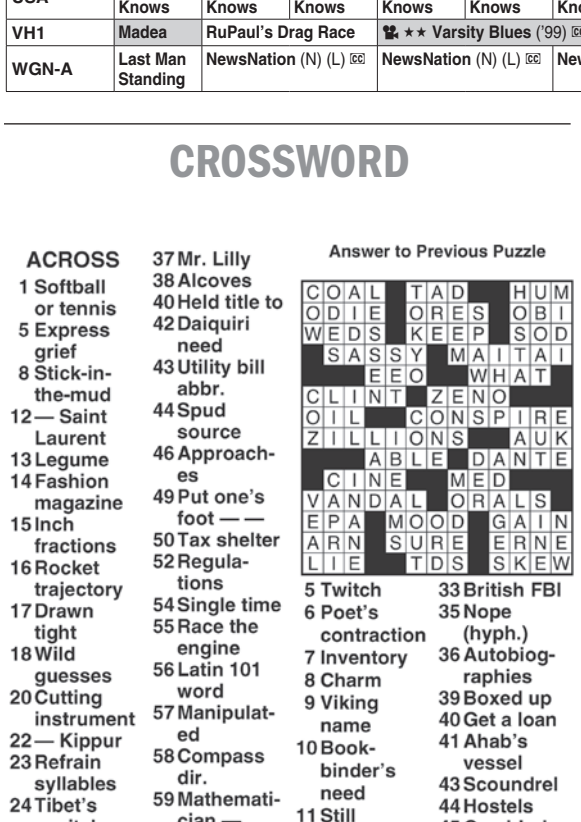

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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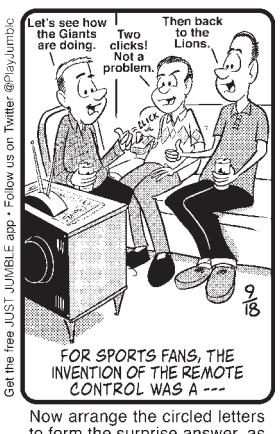
ECAPE

GHALEG

RAAATV


Let's see how the Giants are doing.
Two clicks! Not a problem.
Then back to the Lions.
FOR SPORTS FANS, THE INVENTION OF THE REMOTE CONTROL WAS A ---
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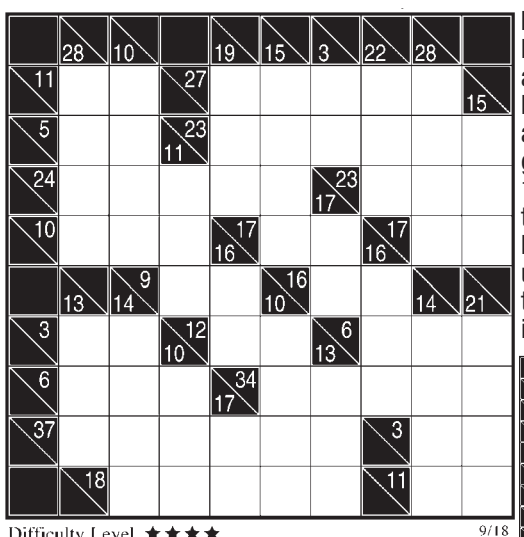
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

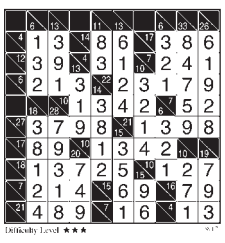
Yesterday's Jumbles: JIFFY MOUTH MIRROR SPRUCE
Answer: Ancient Romans wanted a large public square, so they built a — FORUM FOR 'EM

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 9/18

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Carl Jung wrote, "The meeting of two personalities is like the contact of two chemical substances: if there is any reaction, both are transformed."

We have reactions to all manner of different stimuli. At the bridge table, though, one that a less-experienced player has is not to let an opponent take a trick that the tyro could have won. But he soon learns that conceding a trick now might save two or more tricks in the long run.

In this deal, how should South play in four spades after West leads the heart two?

In a competitive auction, jump raises of partner's suit should be preemptive. With a game-invitational raise or stronger, cue-bid the opponent's suit. So, here, North cue-bid two hearts. That was sufficient to persuade South to take a shot at game.

Declarer saw three sure losers: one spade and two hearts. But there was also a risk of a diamond loser. However, he could see 10 winners: four spades, one diamond and five clubs. So what was the problem?

A declarer who must try to take every trick calls for the heart king, hoping that West has underled the ace. Here, though, East wins the trick and returns a low heart. West takes that and shifts to a diamond. The contract is no longer makable.

Now go back to trick one and play the heart eight from the board. Yes, East wins the trick with his jack and cashes the heart ace, but what does he do next? If he shifts to the diamond jack, South wins with his queen, knocks out the spade ace and cruises home.

North 09-18-20
♠ J 7 6 3
♥ K 8
♦ A 9
♣ Q 10 9 8 6

West
♠ 4 2
♥ Q 10 2
♦ 7 6 5 4 3 2
♣ 3 2

East
♠ A 5
♥ A J 9 7 6 5
♦ K J 10
♣ 5 4

South
♠ K Q 10 9 8
♥ 4 3
♦ Q 8
♣ A K J 7

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
		Pass	1♥
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 2

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

	4			5		7		
		6	3		9		2	
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3				9				
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				1				7
5			1	6	8			
	8		9		2	1		
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

1	6	4	3	9	8	5	2	7
8	9	2	1	5	7	4	6	3
7	5	3	4	6	2	9	8	1
4	2	9	6	3	5	1	7	8
3	7	1	8	2	9	6	4	5
6	8	5	7	1	4	3	9	2
5	3	8	2	4	6	7	1	9
2	1	6	9	7	3	8	5	4
9	4	7	5	8	1	2	3	6

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LEGALS

St. Joseph Charter Township
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
September 14, 2020

SYNOPSIS

Approved Consent Agenda
Approved Land Fill Passes
Approved Set Date for 2021 Budget Hearing
Approved Purchase Police Vehicle
Approved Accept Manitou Road Property Bid
Approved Alan Smaka-Service Contract

REGULAR MEETINGS:
1st Monday of every month
at 6:00 pm at the Township hall, located at 3000 Washington Avenue.

WORKSHOP SESSIONS: 1st Monday of every month
at 12:00 noon at the Township hall.

Patrice Rose, Clerk

Cook

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Employment info at:
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EOE M/F/V/D

GENERAL HELP

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The Town of Trail Creek is seeking applications for a part time street employee. The candidate will work through out the week and some weekend hours, in addition to possibly being on call for a tree down or during the winter months. The candidate must have the following skills and knowledge to be eligible:
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Please contact the street commissioner, Chris Ott to set up a time to get an application at 219-872-4780

BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OPERATOR

Benton Charter Township will be accepting applications for a Water Distribution System Operator beginning September 10, 2020 through September 18, 2020.

This is an entry level position. The position requires semiskilled work in the installation and removal, connecting and disconnecting of water meters. Work is performed under the direction of the Water Distribution System Supervisor. The Water Distribution System Operator must be able to routinely perform, after sufficient training, duties involving water distribution system construction, repair, operations, including water meter reading, installation, testing, and repair, cross connection compliance, and general system administration.

All applicants must possess a high school diploma, must obtain an S-4 operator certification within the time requirements of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.
In addition, all applicants must be able to pass physical examination and drug/alcohol screening test, background check, and possess a commercial driver's license. Other minimum qualifications apply.

Beginning salary is $30,000 to $40,000 with benefits.

Applications may be obtained at the Benton Charter Township Hall, 1725 Territorial Rd., Bldg. B., Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022. All applications and/or resumes should be sent to Mike Baldwin, Water Department Supervisor, 555 N. Crystal Ave., Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022, email mbaldwin@bentoncharter township-mi.gov
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Carolyn Phillips
Township Clerk

The City of St. Joseph is currently accepting applications for the position of a full-time Laborer in the Parks and Cemetery Division. Applicants are required to have a valid Michigan Driver's license with a safe driving record, a valid Michigan Category 6 pesticide applicators certification or ability to obtain one within the employment probationary period. To apply, please submit a resume to the City of St Joseph Personnel Department, 700 Broad St, St. Joseph, MI 49085, or lmoore@sjcity.com. A full job description is available at www.sjcity.com. Resumes will be accepted until Friday, October 2, 2020.

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CITY OF BENTON HARBOR – 2020 LOCAL STREETS AND ALLEYS PROJECT

Sealed Bids for the 2020 Local Street Resurfacing Project will be received at the City of Benton Harbor Clerk's Office, at 200 E. Wall Street, Benton Harbor, MI 49022 until September 29th at 10:00 A.M local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read virtually via a video conference in accordance to the State of Michigan, Governor Whitmer's Executive Orders # 2020-21 and 2020-154 due to COVID-19. Instructions on how to participate will be posted on the City of Benton Harbor's website, www.bhcity.us. Sealed bids may also be delivered to the drop box in front of the City Hall, located at 200 E. Wall Street by the aforementioned deadline.
Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis. Sealed bids bearing the Project name as well as the name and address of the bidder shall be submitted to Kimberly Thompson, City Clerk at 200 E. Wall Street, Benton Harbor MI 49022.
The project includes cold milling and asphalt resurfacing of various local streets throughout the City of Benton Harbor, along with grading and placement of surface millings on several alleys. Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website: http://www.abonmarche.com/bids. There is no fee for registration on the plan holder's list and download of electronic bidding documents. Hard copies are available from the Issuing Office of Abonmarche, 95 West Main Street, Benton Harbor, MI 49022 (269) 927-2295. The fee for obtaining hard copy documents is Twenty-five Dollars ($25.00). An additional Ten Dollars ($10.00) will be charged for plans requiring shipping. General Specifications, description and conditions upon which the bid proposal is to be based are on file for examination at the Issuing Office.
A certified check, cashier's check or bid bond in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, made payable to the City of Benton Harbor will be required with each bid as security for the proper execution of the contract. A 100% Labor, Material, and Performance Bond will be required of successful bidder.
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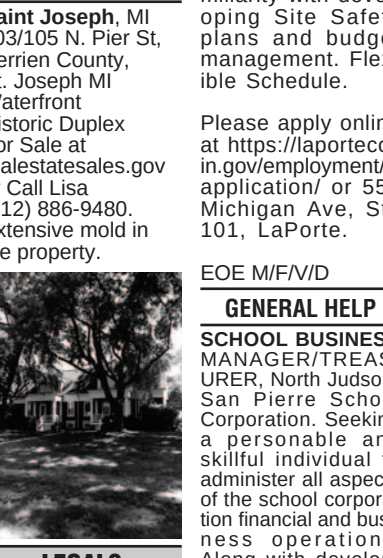

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By EUGENIA LAST

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Stick to your game plan this year, and don't look back. Making a move that will add to your comfort and peace of mind will help you build a strong base on which for your life as you move forward. Your experience will pay off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you mix business with pleasure, you'll improve your work relationships. Being a good listener will put you in a favorable position for advancement. Use your knowledge wisely.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Check your emotions at the door when dealing with domestic matters. Expect to face uncertainty and opposition, but don't let that deter you from using your powers to get your way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Pay closer attention to your health and emotional well-being. Stop procrastinating when it comes to personal paperwork you've let linger too long. A push for change is in your best interest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Connect with your colleagues. Mix business with pleasure, and get to know your peers better. A commitment to a loved one will lead to long-term plans and greater happiness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Watch what you say. If you reveal your opinions, likes and dislikes, it will give someone the upper hand. Take in information rather than dish it out. Knowledge is power.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Contracts, agreements and prospects require your attention. Make adjustments to protect your interests and future. Romance and commitment will help seal a deal.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Call in favors, offer help and align yourself with people you feel comfortable working alongside. A change of methods will help determine who is the best fit to assist you on a project.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Pay attention to how you present yourself. Show interest in what others do, and you will gain an ally as well as respect. Get help if you need it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Keep life simple; if you try to do too much, you will lose sight of your goal. Enlist the help people you know you can trust, and you will accomplish what you set out to do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Learn from experience and watch your back. Don't expect others to come through for you or to take on your burdens. Moderation is encouraged.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An incident will lead to an inability to agree with someone close to you. Joint ventures will not unfold the way you want them to. Reconsider your priorities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Spend more time taking care of personal and family matters. If you have a heart-to-heart talk with a friend or relative, you will be able to sort out any differences you face. Love and romance are featured and will enhance your life.

Report: Much needs doing to shield nursing homes from virus

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

Wilfredo Lee / AP

A senior citizen holds the hand of a care coordinator at a Health facility in Miami on July 17.

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration is claiming "resounding vindication" from an independent commission's report on the coronavirus crisis in nursing homes, but some panel members say that's a misinterpretation of their conclusion that much remains to be done to safeguard vulnerable residents.

People in long-term care facilities represent less than 1 percent of the U.S. population but more than 40 percent of the coronavirus deaths, according to the COVID Tracking Project, which has tallied 77,000 deaths among residents and staff. Those harsh numbers are a sensitive political issue for President Donald Trump, who is trying to hang on to support from older voters.

Vice President Mike Pence met with some of the commission members Thursday and called their report "a significant contribution to our ongoing effort to ensure the health and well-being of our seniors in nursing homes and long-term care facilities around the country."

The commission was set up by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, or CMS. Agency administrator Seema Verma called its findings "an invaluable action plan for the future and a resounding vindication of our overall approach to date."

But with 27 major recommendations in the commission report, it's not time for for officials to take a bow, several members noted.

"There's an enormous to-do list in front of us," said Terry Fulmer, a commission member and president of the John A. Hartford Foundation, which works to improve care for older adults.

The administration says it has already acted, or made progress, on most issues flagged.

It hasn't gone far enough, said Fulmer.

"We need to get the real data that will tell us where we're still lacking testing, (protective equipment), and appropriate staffing," she said. "We need to really watch the autumn flu season and really keep an close eye on any uptick with the virus – that's what I'm most worried about. We don't have a national policy that we are following so we can ensure we have quality across our entire nation, so we are looking for progress there."

Harvard professor David Grabowski, another member, said "there's a sense of 'mission accomplished' " coming from the administration and "that's just not the case."

"We were charged with providing a road map out of the crisis," Grabowski said. "We weren't asked to evaluate the CMS response or provide any kind of valuation as to how they have handled the pandemic."

Among the top recommendations in the 186-page report:

■ Establish a national testing strategy. After a stumbling start in which the White House tried to delegate testing in nursing homes to the states, the administration has been shipping fast-test machines to facilities. But there's concern about ongoing supplies, staff training, and other issues.

■ Guarantee supplies of PPE, or personal protective equipment. Earlier this summer, as COVID-19 rebounded across the South and West, 1 in 5 nursing homes faced PPE shortages. The commission called on the government to take responsibility, guaranteeing a three-month supply of high-quality gear for facilities. The administration says it has provided money for PPE and in August began shipping N95 masks to nursing homes that reported shortages.

■ Safely resume family visits. Nursing homes have been in lockdown since mid-March, and that has taken a toll on the well-being of residents. Some facilities have started to allow visits again. The commission recommended a detailed template for how nursing homes can safely resume visitation. The administration says it has already provided guidance.

■ More help with infection control. Moving residents within a facility to separate those infected with COVID-19 is one of the main ways to contain outbreaks. But that can involve added costs and challenges. The commission said clearer government guidance is needed.

The ravages of the coronavirus in nursing homes have surprised and shocked many people. Experts such as Grabowski say their research indicates the virus gets into facilities from the surrounding communities, unwittingly carried by staff and visitors who may not yet have symptoms.

The commission concluded that the pandemic has exposed basic flaws in the nation's oversight of nursing homes, which divides responsibilities among federal, state and local authorities.

That "resulted in a patchwork approach to infection prevention and control that many believe has contributed to our nation's inability to contain the spread of the virus," the report said.

University of Chicago professor Tamara Konetzka, an expert on long-term care who reviewed the commission's report, said the recommendations "follow the growing consensus over the past six months about what needs to be done to stem the cases and deaths in nursing homes."

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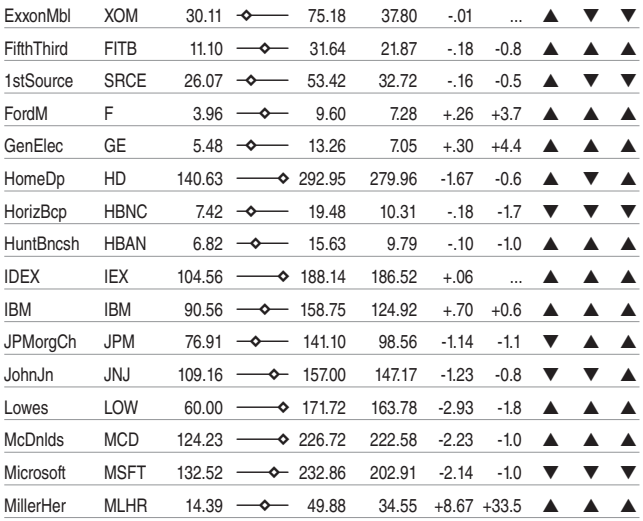

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Letter carriers load mail trucks for deliveries at a U.S. Postal Service facility in McLean, Va. A U.S. judge on Thursday blocked controversial Postal Service changes that have slowed mail nationwide.

U.S. judge blocks Postal Service changes that slowed mail

By GENE JOHNSON
Associated Press

SEATTLE — A U.S. judge on Thursday blocked controversial Postal Service changes that have slowed mail nationwide, calling them "a politically motivated attack on the efficiency of the Postal Service" before the November election.

Judge Stanley Bastian in Yakima, Washington, said he was issuing a nationwide preliminary injunction sought by 14 states that sued the Trump administration and the U.S. Postal Service.

The states challenged the Postal Service's so-called "leave behind" policy, where trucks have been leaving postal facilities on time regardless of whether there is more mail to load. They also sought to force the Postal Service to treat election mail as First Class mail.

The judge noted after a hearing that Trump had repeatedly attacked voting by mail by making unfounded claims that it is rife with fraud. Many more voters are expected to vote by mail this November because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the states have expressed concern that delays might result in voters not receiving ballots or registration forms in time.

"The states have demonstrated the defendants are involved in a politically motivated attack on the efficiency of the Postal Service," Bastian said.

He also said the changes created "a substantial possibility many voters will be disenfranchised."

Bastian, an appointee of former President Barack Obama, said he planned to issue a written order later in the day, but that it would be substantially the same as that sought by the states.

Following a national uproar, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, a major donor to President Donald Trump and the GOP, announced he was suspending some changes – including the removal of iconic blue mailboxes in many cities and the decommissioning of mail processing machines.

But other changes remained in place, and the states – including the battlegrounds of Michigan, Wisconsin and Nevada – asked the court to block them. The states sought to have the "leave behind" policy revoked; election mail treated as First Class mail rather than as slower-moving categories; the reinstallation of any mail processing machines needed to ensure the prompt handling of election mail; and that the court hold DeJoy to his promise to suspend other changes.

Led by Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson, the states said the Postal Service made the changes without first bringing them to the Postal Regulatory Commission for public comment and an advisory opinion, as required by federal law.

OBITUARIES

Death notices

Carrie D. Ballard, 61, of Bainbridge Township died Sept. 12, 2020. Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, Benton Township, 926-7222.

Dorothy Alice (McClelland) McClure, 90, of Stevensville died Sept. 15, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Sherree Neumann, 61, of Muskegon died Sept. 14, 2020. Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, Norton Shores, Mich., 231-798-1100.

Dorothy Alice (McClelland) McClure

Dec. 5, 1929 – Sept. 15, 2020

Dorothy Alice (McClelland) McClure, 90, of Stevensville began her new life-eternal Sept. 15, 2020.

She was born in Cleveland, Dec. 5, 1929, to Paul and Dorothy (Miller) McClelland, joining sisters Carol and Lois.

Attending Muskingum University, she met James W. McClure, a returning World War II veteran. They married Sept. 1, 1951. They settled in Jim's hometown, Mansfield, Ohio, where he and his dad opened McClure's Lawn & Garden Supply. They had three children: Cynthia, William, and Robert.

Through the years they enjoyed sharing life with local family, as well as friends from the neighborhood and church. Dorothy loved being part of women's Bible studies at Linden Road UPC and later, Berean Baptist Church. She also volunteered at the hospital.

She was a woman of mercy and never met a stranger. She loved to chat with people and then follow-up with a written note, phone call, or words of encouragement. In the meantime, people could count on her praying for them! She chose to trust Jesus as her Savior and loved Him as He carried her through life's joys and challenges. Her Bible was well-worn and she found strength, truth, and comfort in those words. Jim was a faithful husband and father but suffered an untimely death after only 26 years of marriage.

Dorothy was also preceded in death by her parents; sisters; and great-grandson Elijah.

Left to cherish and follow her legacy of loving Jesus and people are her children: Cindy (Ken) O'Neill, Bill (Kathleen) McClure, and Bob McClure; grandchildren: David (Ann) O'Neill, Brian (Julie) O'Neill, Peter (Heidi) O'Neill, Allison McClure, and Daniel (Sarah) McClure; great-grandchildren: Timothy, Matthew, Joshua, and Catherine O'Neill; Caleb, Micah, Asher, and Haven O'Neill, Benjamin and Bella O'Neill, and Autumn and David McClure. She is also survived by her brother-in-law; many nieces; nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of a memorial service, Dorothy's family is looking forward to times of remembrance of her life and godly legacy with small groups of friends and families. Inquiries may be made of the family at caoneill@gmail.com.

To continue her legacy of mercy and Christian development contributions may be made in her honor to Masterwork at https://master-work.org/donate. To leave a leave a message of comfort or share a memory, visit www.starks-menchinger.com.

'Nothing left in the bucket': Wildfire resources run thin

By JAMES ANDERSON and MATTHEW BROWN
Associated Press

Justin Silvera came off the fire lines in Northern California after a grueling 36 straight days battling wildfires and evacuating residents ahead of the flames. Before that, he and his crew had worked for 20 days, followed by a three-day break.

Silvera, a 43-year-old battalion chief with Cal Fire, California's state firefighting agency, said he's lost track of the blazes he's fought this year. He and his crew have sometimes been on duty for 64 hours at a stretch, their only rest coming in 20-minute catnaps.

"I've been at this 23 years, and by far this is the worst I've seen," Silvera said before bunking down at a motel for 24 hours. After working in Santa Cruz County, his next assignment was to head north to attack wildfires near the Oregon border.

His exhaustion reflects the situation on the West Coast fire lines: This year's blazes have taxed the human, mechanical and financial resources of the nation's wildfire-fighting forces to an extraordinary degree. And half of the fire season is yet to come. Heat, drought and a strategic decision to attack the flames early combined with the coronavirus to put a historically heavy burden on fire teams.

"There's never enough resources," said Silvera, one of nearly 17,000 firefighters battling the California blazes. "Typically with Cal Fire, we're able to attack – air tankers, choppers, dozers. We're good at doing that. But these conditions in the field, the drought, the wind, this stuff is just taking off. We can't contain one before another erupts."

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

The fall salmon and steelhead spawning run is underway on the St. Joseph River. Boat fisherman are using flat fish and hot'n'tot lures to pick up chinook and steelhead downstream from the Berrien Springs dam. They are mostly steelhead at the dam, with spawn and wobble glows among the most productive baits there. Lake Michigan trollers also had excellent success Monday when an east wind dropped water temperatures in front of the St. Joseph piers into the 50s.

1985 – 35 years ago

Maria Madison of St. Joseph has completed a two-year tour of duty in the Peace Corps, serving in Zaire, Central Africa. She plans to return home in December following a vacation in India, Australia and other countries. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shannon (Ruth) Madison of St. Joseph, she is a 1978 graduate of St. Joseph High School and 1982 graduate of Tufts University, where she received a bachelor's degree in mental health. For the past year, Miss Madison served in Yakusu in Haut-Zaire.

1970 – 50 yeas ago

Benton Harbor's new policewoman, Sharon Ann Young, 22, has all the attributes necessary for police work – training in criminology, sociology, juvenile delinquency and judo. She began work today. A 1966 graduate of Benton Harbor, she has just returned to this area after graduating from Western Michigan University and completing 15 weeks of student teaching. She is residing in Coloma. She learned judo at Lake Michigan College. Miss Young will be a plain-clothes policewoman, a sworn officer with authority to make investigations and arrests. She's been assigned to the youth bureau currently staffed by three detectives. She will be armed.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, Sept. 18, the 262nd day of 2020. There are 104 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Sept. 18, 1850, Congress passed the Fugitive Slave Act, which created a force of federal commissioners charged with returning escaped slaves to their owners.

On this date:

In 1759, the French formally surrendered Quebec to the British.

In 1793, President George Washington laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol.

In 1927, the Columbia Phonograph Broadcasting System (later CBS) made its on-air debut with a basic network of 16 radio stations.

In 1947, the National Security Act, which created a National Military Establishment and the position of Secretary of Defense, went into effect.

In 1959, during his U.S. tour, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev visited Wall Street, the Empire State Building and the grave of President Franklin D. Roosevelt; in a speech to the U.N. General Assembly, Khrushchev called on all countries to disarm.

In 1961, United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold was killed in a plane crash in northern Rhodesia.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Clear	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
62°	41°	63° / 44°	68° / 47°	71° / 50°	73° / 56°

Local Outlook

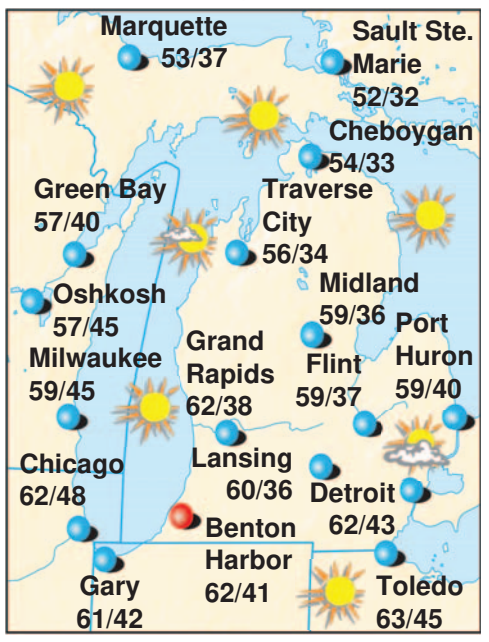
Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 62°, humidity of 42%. North northeast wind 8 to 11 mph. Expect clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 41°. Northeast wind 6 to 10 mph. Saturday, skies will be sunny with a high of 63°, humidity of 41%.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:29 a.m.
Sunset	7:49 p.m.
Moonrise	8:44 a.m.
Moonset	8:56 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
9/23	10/1	10/9	10/16

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	71°
Low	53°
Normal High	74°
Normal Low	52°
Record High	93° in 2018
Record Low	41° in 2014

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	2.10"
Normal for month	1.89"
Year to date	27.92"
Normal Year to date	27.43"

Air Quality

Yesterday 55

Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

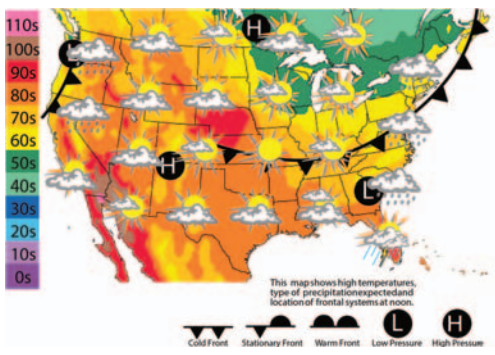
Weather Trivia

How much has the Earth's temperature risen since 1860?

Answer: Temperatures have risen between 0.5 and 1.1 degrees Fahrenheit.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Sept. 18, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, N wind around 14 kt. Sunny. Waves 2 to 3 ft. Water temperature 68 degrees. Tonight, NNE wind 9 to 12 kt. Clear. Waves 2 to 3 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny with highs in the 50s. South southeast wind 7 mph. Expect mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies Saturday with highs in the 50s and 60s. South southeast wind 1 to 5 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny with highs in the 50s and 60s. North northeast wind 8 to 11 mph. Expect sunny skies Saturday with highs in the 50s and 60s. East northeast wind 7 mph.

With Big Ten reversal, Trump aims to score in battlegrounds

By AAMER MADHANI
Associated Press

Nati Harnik / AP

The Husker Hounds sports apparel store in Omaha, Neb., shows on television screens on Wednesday, a Big Ten virtual news conference to discuss the reopening of the football season.

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump was quick to spike the ball in celebration when the Big Ten announced the return of fall football at colleges clustered in some of the Midwest battleground states critical to his reelection effort, declaring, "I'm the one who got football back."

But his efforts to reverse last month's decision to postpone fall sports in the conference because of the novel coronavirus were far from the only factor that led officials to change course.

The Big Ten – one of the power conferences that drives the big business of college sports – was under enormous pressure to restart the season from athletes, parents, coaches and college towns that rely on football Saturdays to fill restaurants and hotels and provide much-needed tax revenue.

For weeks, Trump allied himself with the effort. He publicly and privately prodded the conference to reverse its Aug. 11 decision to play football next spring. When the conference announced Wednesday it would begin play Oct. 23 under strict coronavirus prevention protocols, Trump was eager to capitalize politically.

"I called the commissioner a couple of weeks ago and we started really putting a lot of pressure on, frankly," Trump said at a news conference.

Trump's advisers said the episode underscores how the president's unconventional style – his Twitter rebukes and rhetorical bluster – gets things done.

It is a moment that could help Trump on the margins in key states such as Pennsylvania, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin where schools are now scheduled to play their first games less than two weeks before Election Day, said Alex Conant, a Republican strategist.

"There are voters who voted for him in 2016 who don't want to vote for him this time – mostly because they don't like him personally," Conant said. "Those voters need to be reminded why they supported him in the first place. It's issues like this where he takes a controversial position they agree with and delivers."

The Big Ten reversal also syncs with Trump's efforts to suggest the nation is on the glidepath to normalcy under his stewardship. The president had criticized Democrats who "don't want football back for political reasons" and accused Michigan's Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer of keeping Michigan and Michigan State off the field.

Left unsaid is that the 14 schools in the Big Ten all have opted to scale back in-person learning and pleaded with students to stop parties and congregating in large groups as the U.S. death toll from the virus nears 200,000.

And while Trump repeatedly decried the Big Ten, until Wednesday he had far less to say about the postponement of fall sports by the Pac-12, which includes universities in Democratic-leaning California, Colorado, Oregon and Washington as well as battleground Arizona. On Wednesday, Trump called on the Pac-12 to "get going" and resume play.

Barr under fire over comparison of virus lock-in to slavery

By ERIC TUCKER
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WASHINGTON — Attorney General William Barr drew sharp condemnation Thursday for comparing lockdown orders during the coronavirus pandemic to slavery.

In remarks Wednesday night at an event hosted by Hillsdale College, Barr had called the lockdown orders the "greatest intrusion on civil liberties in American history" since slavery.

His comments, at a Northern Virginia event hosted by the school, also criticized his own prosecutors for behaving as "headhunters" in their pursuit of prominent targets and for using the weight of the criminal justice system to launch what he said were "ill-conceived" political probes.

Rep. James Clyburn, D-S.C., the No. 3 House Democratic leader, told CNN that Barr's remarks were "the most ridiculous, tone-deaf, God-awful things I've ever heard" because they wrongly equated human bondage with a measure aimed at saving lives.

"Slavery was not about saving lives. It was about devaluing lives," Clyburn said. "This pandemic is a threat to human life."

It's not the first time Barr has condemned stay-at-home orders.

He has previously said that some orders were " disturbingly close to house arrest," and the Justice Department sent letters to several states warning that some of their virus-related restrictions might be unlawful. Prosecutors also filed statements of interest in several civil cases challenging some of the restrictions.

Barr has faced scrutiny for overruling the decisions of Justice Department prosecutors who work for him, including in criminal cases involving associates of President Donald Trump. But in his remarks, he rejected the notion that prosecutors should have final say in cases that they bring. Instead, Barr described them as part of the "permanent bureaucracy" and suggested they need to be supervised, and even reined in, by politically appointed leaders accountable to the president and Congress.

"The men and women who have ultimate authority in the Justice Department are thus the ones on whom our elected officials have conferred that responsibility – by presidential appointment and Senate confirmation," Barr said. "That blessing by the two political branches of government gives these officials democratic legitimacy that career officials simply do not possess."

Barr himself has been aggressive as attorney general in pursuing certain categories of prosecutions, including using federal statutes to charge defendants in the unrest that roiled cities after the death of George Floyd. But he warned that prosecutors can become overly attached to their cases in ways that lose perspective and judgment, listing a series of prosecutions – including under previous administrations – in which he said he believed the government had taken extreme positions.

AUDIT

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Trapikas didn't hand over all of the financial duties. She said she was told by a previous treasurer that all he did was read reports during village meetings that Trapikas gave to him.

The president and clerk are the only two people authorized to sign checks when there is no treasurer. The clerk is a non-voting elected position.

Mais said that when Larry and Angie Larsen were president and clerk for 18 years, there was a strong treasurer who took care of the finances. Bruno and Debra Trapikas took over as president and clerk in 2015.

Mais said that the village needs to appoint a treasurer who has experience with municipal finances.

Trapikas said he "wholeheartedly" agrees that the village needs an independent treasurer.

"The difficulty is that nobody wants to do the job," he said.

He said that the most recent treasurer, Zach Manger, resigned last week after serving as treasurer since December. But Trapikas said Manger never did all of the work a treasurer is supposed to do, leaving him to pick up the slack.

"He would do things here and there and get things done," Trapikas said. "A week ago, he quit. He said he can't do this anymore. It is my job as the chief executive to make sure that things like the financial report get to the council, the bills get paid and over the last week, that 235 property tax payments, which is over 50 percent, get deposited in the bank and recorded."

He said he doesn't want to be the treasurer, but has no choice.

Trustee Marie-Christine Escoda-Risto said she supports the forensic audit being done to put "an end to this unhealthy situation and to restore goodwill and trust."

The only vote against hiring Plante Moran to do the forensic audit was Trustee Mike Schnable, who was appointed to fill a vacant trustee seat at the beginning of the meeting. He said he couldn't agree to something without seeing a written proposal.

Trapikas abstained from voting for the same reason.

There is no timeline on when the forensic audit will be done. No one from Plante Moran spoke at the meeting.

In other business, Mais announced that the village's new website, www.shorehamvillagemi.org, is up and running.

Trustees heard a report from their financial auditors, who said that the village is in good fiscal health. They said there was a finding that duties weren't segregated, but that is common in small offices.

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TASK FORCE

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on this a couple years ago. With the pandemic, everything kind of stopped with everyone being home," Bruce said. "With the mural getting a lot of publicity and discussion, it was important for us as a school district to continue moving ahead for a long-term, sustainable change. We're looking past the mural so its more than just a moment, but a movement."

Barry Conybeare, who serves as the district's board president and is on the task force, told trustees Monday these latest efforts serve as a commitment to meet the needs of students.

"When Tom mentioned this idea to me, it made a lot of sense. (The task force) doesn't focus on a mural. It involved discussions around the mural," Conybeare said. "We talked about some of our hopes and fears. ... We need to do a better job building a system that educates everybody on the same level."

As far as what the district's stance was on having the BLM mural painted near the high school, Bruce said the administration tried to stay out of those discussions.

"We were never really in the middle of it," Bruce said. "The proposal went to the city, but at the same time, we were still trying to write plans for reopening the school. We didn't get much of a chance to talk about it."

As for what role the task force will play among administrators, Bruce said it will be a good way to look at the district's hiring practices and consistently review the curriculum in order to reflect the makeup of their students.

"We want to shine a light on our normal processes to move us forward for sustainable change," Bruce said.

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